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NO "JIM CROW" RULE IN SCHOOLS!

Mrs. Ella Flag} Young, Superintendent of Schools, Says White and Colored Pupils Must be Equal Terms.

MARTIN J. MADDEN SPEAKS AT APPOMATTOX!

The Amateur Minstrel Performance at 8th Regiment Armory on Monday Night a Hugh Hit from Every Angle—Dr. P. J. Scott Receives Degrees—Many Conventions to be Held in the City During the Summer—Everything in Readiness for Citizen's Ball—Rube Foster Still Winning—J. H. Smiley Ill.

(By Cary B. Lewis.)

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CHICAGO, Ill., April 14.—A few months ago Miss Fannie R. Smith, a teacher in Wendel Phillips High School, undertook to segregate Negro children. The Chicago Defender and Mrs. Ida Wells-Barnett and a committee of citizens took up the matter with Miss Smith, who promised to obviate the matter. Of course she tried, but it was all in vain; it being her chief motive to carry on segregation. Finally it got to Mrs. Ella Flag Young, superintendent of the public schools of Chicago. On yesterday she made public the decision that "there must be no 'Jim Crow' rule at Wendell Phillips High School or any other school. Miss Marion Talbert, a high class white educator, was among the first to protest to Mrs. Young against white and colored students dancing together one afternoon each week. Mrs. Young learned that all of the members of the delegation who favored the segregation, sent their children to private schools or had no children at all. She had an idea that the way to the social uplift of the colored students was through intellectual uplift. Mrs. Young held a consultation with Miss Smith and decided that white and colored students shall mingle hereafter on equal terms. Instead of the tango and fox trot, the students are to listen to a lecture on Mexico, look at stereopticon views of the Yosimite Valley, or debate the question of womanhood. To mix the intellectual with the social, and Mrs. Young has found the scheme is successful, so far getting the races together for their amusement and intellectual training. Speaking to the Freeman representative, Mrs. Young said: "I believe to raise an inferior race to the same plane as another race is through intellectual training. The social training will take care of itself, when the Negro and the white man can talk on equal terms. I have been visiting the schools in which we have large numbers of Negro children and I find an intirely different attitude than when I was first district superintendent, back in 1898. The children are more alert, more interested."

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Friday evening of last week, the Appomattox Club celebrated Appomattox Day with a banquet and Congressman Martin E. Madden was the principle guest. It was one of the most notable occasions in the history of the club. There were present lawmakers, doctors, editors, soldiers and citizens of higher walks of life, among them being Hon. R. R. Jackson, Hon. S. B. Turner, members of the Illinois Legislature; Oscar De Priest, just elected to the City Council; Hon. E. H. Wright, president of the Cook County Bar Association; President S. A. T. Watkins, assistant corporation counsel of the city of Chicago; Hon. Louis B. Anderson, former Assistant county attorney; Col. John R. Marshall, Hon. Edward D. Green, former member of the Illinois Legislature; Hon. George H. Jackson, former member of the Ohio State Legislature; Hon. J. Gray Lucas, former member of the Arkansas Legislature; Conl. James H. Johnson, Capt. James S. Nelson, R. S. Abbott, editor of the Chicago Defender; Dr. S. C. Dickerson, Dr. Charles E. Bentley and seventy-five more leading citizens.

The speakers of the evening were Hon. E. H. Wright, who gave a short history of the club and what it stood for; Hon. L. B. Anderson, who spoke on the subject, "an Idea," which was very witty; Mr. Oscar De Priest, who told of what the Negro neded in point of representation in civic affairs; Hon. R. R. Jackson, who spoke on the subject, "Lawmakers," and Congressman Martin B. Madden. It was an intellectual treat to hear such noted men emphasize the spirit of fair play, equality and justice. Mr. Watkins, president of the club, presided with dignity and honor and delivered a telling speech in presenting the congressmen. Among the things Mr. Madden said were: "Our fathers wrote nothing in the constitution based on color or creed, and I in speaking for you, speak for you not as Negroes, but American citizens. All should be held strictly accountable to the law. We are for one country and one flag, no exception to the rule should apply. I claim not any credit for what I have done, my heart and consciousness stand for justice and justice will not let me remain silent. I believe in right and justice. My father had seven boys on the battlefield fighting for the Union. I was not old enough to go. They were all killed, and I have resolved and dedicated myself to see that right prevail. During the last Congress a number of bills came up against you. There was the segregation bill. I was opposed to it. After a hard fight the bill was killed. Then came the immigration bill. You know how I opposed it. There was the 'Jim Crow' bill, and I fought that; then came the inter-marriage bill. I am opposed to the inter-marriage of races. But I am opposed to legislation making such marriage a crime. If a white man and a black woman want to marry, it should be a matter for them to decide. To make such marriage criminal and void would leave children of such marriages without protection which they need and should have. It would leave many young girls at the mercy of brutes willing to take advantage of their virtue and then desert them to a life of shame. Why should innocent young women of the Negro race not have the same protection of the law which is accorded women of any other races? It will not do to say there is no condition to which I have alluded. Everyone knows better, else how does it happen that we have so many people of mixed blood in the United States. Let the law of marriage stand as it is, and trust to the pride of the race both among the Neroes and Caucasians to contract their marriages with their own people. The purpose of this law is to further derade the Negro, to make him feel the iron hand of tyrany so long practiced against him. I plead to you members of the house to open your hearts and do the thing that is just; justice in his case can not be meted out except by the defeat of this amendment. Surely the American Congress is too great, too sympatheic, too just to enact such legislation as this." Congressman Madden was roundly applauded. Many came to him and congratulated him for his brave and heroic utterances in and out of the halls of Congress.

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The Amateur Minstrel.

The Amateur Minstrel Club gave its annual minstrel on Monday night at the Eighth Regiment Armory, 35th and Forest avenue. The largest crowd in the history of the club was present, numbering some 1,500 people. It was for the benefit of the old folks' home.

This is an occasion when all of the "old timers" turn out to see one another and many a one was present Monday night. It was the first time in recent years that the club had ample room to accommodate the crowd. The membership of the organization is made up of young society men who make no pretense as stars in minstrelsy and any thing to do is fun to the "folks at home." There was one big surprise and that was Mr. Dave Lawrence, who sang "He's a Rag Picker." He was the hit of the evening. He acted like a real performer, dancing like Lew Dockstader. Mr. Frank B. Waring was interlocutor and end men were: A. J. Childress, H. Vornwell, M. T. Huggins, Chas. Settles, Major R. R. Jackson, D. R. Lawrence, Clarence Mayo and Joe Shoecraft. Another hit of the evening was Mr. Doc Smith, who sang, "Roll on Beautiful World, Roll on." Those who rendered numbers were M. H. Huggins, H. Cornwell, Joe Thomas, G. F. Proctor, Major R. R. Jackson, A. J. Childress, I. N. Dunlap and Joe Shoecraft. Mr. Dave McGowan was musical director. After the minstrel, there was dancing, and every one enjoyed the remainder of the evening dancing the latest dances to the Eighth Regiment Orchestra. Being after Easter, there were many beautiful gowns worn and the ladies looked perfectly charming. The minstrel gave the old folks home $425 last year, and from all reports it will be much larger this year.

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Dr. P. J. Scott Receives Degree.

Dr. P. J. Scott, 3321 South State street, is another one of the professional men of the "Windy City" to take an advance step in his profession. A few days ago he received of degre of Doctor of Optometrics and was made a member of the Illinois State Society of Optometrists in affiliation with the American association. His sheep skin reads: "This is to certify that Dr. P. J. Scott has demonstrated to this society his technical and practical qualifications in the science of Optometry, which includes the testing of eyes with lenses and the recognition of diseased conditions of the eye requiring medical skill. He is therefore accepted as a member of this society, which agrees to protect him in the legitimate practice of his profession in this state." The diploma is signed by Dr. Henry C. Paul, president; Dr. E. W. Heiderkramp. Dr. Scott graduated from the College of Optics 12 years ago. He practiced three years in New Orleans and the remainder of the time here. He has installed $2,000 in machinery and manufactures his own glasses. He will have an exhibition at the Emancipation Exposition this summer. Dr. Scott is married and has one child, which is the pride of his life. His profession has grown to be very lucrative.

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Many Conventions Here This Summer.

During the time the exposition, which is to be held in Chicago at the Coliseum from August 22 to September 16, many conventions will be held. Among them will be the National Medical Association, I. B. P. O. Elks, Illinois State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, National Colored Funeral Directors' Association, Religious Congresses, National Colored Convention, Negro Authors, United Brotherhood of Friendship and Mr. T. Wallace Swann, secretary of the Exposition committee, states there will be others.

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A Call For Authors and Writers.

Dr. M. A. Majors, a writer of international note, has issued a call for the selection of a Citizens' committee, which will entertain and receive the National Association of Authors and Writers that will convene here August 27 and 28 of this year. The local committee named are as follows: M. A. Majors, president; H. D. Middleton, secretary; R. T. Greener, John R. Lynch, W. H. A. Moore, Alfred Anderson, J. Fenton Johnson, W. Allison Sweeny, R. S. Abbott, J. Gray Lucas, George W. Ellis, Hiram Holland, Sylvester Russell, H. W. Rhea and Cary B. Lewis.

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Invitation of Madame Walker.

The Freeman representative is in receipt of an invitation to attend a reception and musical of Mrs. J. C. Walker, Indianapolis, Ind., in honor of her daughter, April 16, at Pythian Hall, that city. It is likely that he will surprise some of his friends with a visit on that evening, providing business matters are not too pressing then.

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All Ready For the Citizens' Ball.

On Monday night, April 19, the Citizen's Committee, auxilliary to the local medical association, will give a ball at the Eighth Regiment Armory, to prepare for the entertainment of the National Medical Association, which meets here in August. Col. John R. Marshall is chairman of the committee and Mr. George Walker is secretary. One hundred or more citizens are on the committee and every physician, surgeon, dentist and pharmacist is taking an active part in the coming social event of the season. The Eighth Regiment Band will furnish music for the occasion and all the late dances will be played. The new floor at the armory will be well waxed and dancers will have the time of their lives at the Citizens all. Mr. Julius E. Taylor is chairman of the publicity committee, and he states that it will be the biggest social event given in Chicago in years. All one can hear nowadays is the ball for Monday night. It is for a good cause and every citizen in Chicago should show their appreciation for the profession of Chicago and the country by being present.

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"Rube" Foster Still Winning.

Report comes from the daily Tribune that "Rube" Foster is still winning games throughout the west. The team is now playing daily and is in good form. It will open here Sunday, April 27, at the American Giants' park, 39th and Shields streets. Reserved seats will be on sale a week before the opening of the first game.

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J. Hockley Ill Last Week.

Mr. J. Hockley Smiley, managing editor of the Chicago Defender, one of the best trained men in the profession, took ill last Thursday evening and was forced to remain home for several days. Dr. Claude Bell was summoned and now Mr. Smiley is better and is able to be at his post again. Mr. Smiley is said to be the star headline writer of the race.

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Expected Here in May.

Miss Mabelle Smith, whose wedding announcement was made last week, is expected in Chicago in May. Her trosseau will be made by Mrs. Porter, the leading modeste in the city.

SOME GIRL STUDENTS ATTENDING TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Both young men and young women are offered unusual opportunities at Tuskegee Institute to learn useful trades. Tuskegee is a place where students "earn while they learn." Young women are taught cooking, sewing, mattress-making, millinery, ladies' tailoring, laundering, floriculture, vegetable gardening, etc. Young men are taught architectural and mechanical drawing, carpentry, woodworking, brick masonry, plastering an dtile setting, tin-smithing, plumbing, steamfitting, steam engineering, automobile repairing, aplied electricity, tailoring, prntng, etc.

There are excellent opportunities for young colored men and women trained in any one of these trades. Tuskegee Institute is constantly in receipt of applications for trained workers. There were enrolled last year 1,527 students from 32 states and 17 foreign countries or colonies of foreign countries. Tuskegee Institute offers exceptional opportunities to the young man or young women who wants to better his or her position.

THE FRONTENAC CLUB MAKES ITS FIRST APPEARANCE.

(By P. R. Savilles.)

KENOSHA, Wis.—On Eastern Monday the Frontenac club, of Milwaukee, made their first appearance, with a grand ball. Now this was really the most royally planned affair in the history of Milwaukee, and the reputation of the members helped to make it so. The hall was beautifully decorated, and there were many new gowns, especially made for this occasion. The music was to be complimented, for it made those that did not dance pat their feet. So you see that the compliment was much in place. Savilles had the pleasure of meeting those most distinguished clubmen of Milwaukee at the affair in Milwaukee. Best society and the Frontenac club will be long remembered.

Three members of the club will in a very short time establish a Negro paper. It will be known as the Milwaukee Post. Friends, you should read this paper and also help a good cause for the encouragement of our young men.

The Royal Five of Kenosha gave their ball and it was largely attended. The members did all in their power to make it pleasant for their friends, and the affair was a grand success. You who were absent don't know what you missed. Whenever you hear of Kenosha having an affair it is worth your while to attend.

NEWS FROM SHREVEPORT, LA.

(By Chas. J. Harris.)

The Colored Red Cross Aid Society, of which the local Court of Honor members are the grand officers, met at St. Matthew's church, corner Grand avenue and Reynolds street, at 3 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, April 6, and received reports of committees on schools, churches and sanitary homes. The same night at the Odd Fellows' hall, on Texas avenue, the local Court of Honor met and awarded prizes for the most sanitary school, church and private residence. These prizes were offered March 21, on which date a "clean-up" campaign was started among the colored people of Shreveport, which campaign closes Monday. Much good has resulted from this campaign, and a great deal of improvement has been noticed, as the interest among the colored people was great.

The officers of the local Court of Honor are: Ben McElroy, president; Sallie Cole Williams, vice president; Dr. W. M. Wallace, secretary; Alice Davis, assistant secretary; Rev. G. W. Mills, Rev. S. C. Shelton, Rev. I. A. Carter, board of directors; Addie B. Evans, director of education and publicity; Dr. J. A. Henderson and Dr. W. D. Wilson sanitary inspectors; Elizabeth Miller, Sophronia Green and Lizzie Henderson, sick committee.

It has been decided to have another "clean-up" campaign in July, under the auspices of the local Court of Honor, at which time other prizes will be offered.

Mr. Pearl J. Captery has been seriously ill a fed days since Easter Sunday, but being well supplied with different sick nurses, speedily recovered, and he is again at work on the bass viol and tuba with the Caddo Band and orchestra. He and the bunch sends best wishes to all friends.

Mr. J. A. Porter, proprietor and manger of the Star Theater, has secured a very interesting picture for his many colored patrons, the "Trey o' Hearts," which is being featured every Wednesday night for 15 weeks, and we are assuring our appreciation by the allowance of standing room only. The Freeman is a frequent visitor in our midst, and can be found at Walter McCoy's barber shop, 835 Texas avenue.

NEWS OF PINE BLUFF, ARK.

The Pine Bluff and Little Rock papers made the announcement Sunday morning that the Branch Normal had been ordered closed for the term by order of Gov. Hays. We should all know by this time what the matter was, but we want it understood that the colored people were not trying to get Mr. Harris out for a colored man; it was for his conduct. We have found white people who were profoundly interested in our advancement and we appreciate it, but we are too far gone now to stand for the wool to be pulled in certain ways. We do not want a State school if we must be choked with such as has caused the close of the school. -- C. L. Phillips, of Sherrill, and the Widow Staid of Secrest were married in England March 28th at the Baptist church. -- Rev. B. R. Williams is busy planting at Rob Roy. -- Prof. D. A. Conner, of Texas, was a visitor this week. -- Rev. Woolfold, of Webb's Chapel, baptized eight converts at Smart's pond Sunday, the result of Rev. Wilson's work. There will be a reception at the church for Rev. Wilson. -- Mr. J. J. Fletcher and wife have taken a short vacation and will visit their home at Fulton. Mr. Fletcher has a timber camp at Scotts and will shut down in thirty days. He will go back to direct another camp and his farm. -- Mr. Ira Lawson will have the refusal of the position of catcher for this team or the Browns.

TAMPA, FLA.

A Big Sale of Cigars.

Rev. D. A. Perrin and family have moved to Orlando, Fla., where the reverend will take charge of a church there. -- Messrs. Irvin & Bryant, inspectors of the Afro-American Insurance Co., of Jacksonville, have just completed their inspection of the local branch here. It is reported that this office is the second in the state. This office has about 16 hustling agents. -- Mr. John Larkins, our hustling young grocer, has just established a first-class meat market in the Norton Block. -- Lawyer C. H. Alston is back again among us and is setting the political pts to boiling. -- Mr. F. L. Hall, a white business man of Clayton, N. Y., visited the factory owner by Mr. J. Andrew Williams and purchased 10,000 cigars. This is quite a credit to a Negro concern when we take into consideration that there are several hundred white concerns in Tampa. -- The Young Men's Progressive Club have a reading room in the Odd Fellows Hall. Their Fridays night debates are growing in popularity. -- The Smith-Bright Stock Company is now playing at the Maceo. This is possibly the best stock company that has played at that house, when order and decency are to be considered. -- Unstinted praise is due Mrs. Clara Fry for the good her hospital is to the colored people of Tampa. During the past few months she has taken care of a large number of people without any remuneration. She is a kind and generous hearted woman of our race, and her name should go down in history for the great work she has established and fostered for the past years. -- Mrs. Mary E. Wyatt has been visiting in Miami, Fla. -- Miss Birdie Bryant has been spending a few weeks at home. -- Dr. Culp has been delivering a series of lectures on tuberculosis at the various churches. His lectures are very interesting as well as instructive. -- Lawyer D. W. Perkins delivered the commencement address to the graduates of the school in Bartow, Fla. -- Miss Ella Player is launching a plan for the establishment of an old folks' home. -- Messrs. E. J. Moore and A. J. Prince are editing a very interesting little magazine, The Afro-American Monthly. -- Mr. and Mrs. Alf. White, of Montana City, will celebrate their thirty-four wedding anniversary on the 22nd inst. -- Mr. Horace Miller and Miss A. Braddy were married recently. Mr. Miller is one of the Afro-American Insurance Company's hustling agents. The happy couple are domiciled in their new home in West Hyde Park. -- Get this paper each week from its hustling little agent, Miss Margaret Howard. Help her to reach the 200 per week mark. -- Our people cannot expect to learn what our people are doing unless they will read papers published by our own people.

CENTRAL CITY, KY., NEWS.

Miss Mable Jackson and Florizel A. Wilson are visiting Mrs. Dolly Allen at Litchfield, Ky.

Mrs. Annie Porter and Mr. Joe Ranels, of Tennessee, were united in the bonds of matrimony at the bride's sister's home, Mrs. Mary Linley. Rev. Wm. Offutt, of Russellville, Ky., officiated.

Mrs. R. S. Williams has opened a first-class hand laundry and solicits your trade.

Dr. Cornelius, of Greenville, Ky., was in town Saturday. Cheer up "Roy," and cease repining, on some train Miss M. E. will soon be returning.

Mrs. Minnie Owens is no better.

Miss Virginia Silvey was able to return home.

Mrs. Hester Hamilton and Mr. Charley Johnson are both on the sick list.

The Ladies' Improvement Club gave Mrs. S. L. Campbell a delightful surprise party April 12th, in honor of her birthday. The following ladies were present and gave valuable tokens of their appreciation: Mesdames Annie Collier, Mary Wilson, Tommie Coleman, Edna Quisenbury, Annie Robinson, Avie Robinson, Martha Livingston, Mary Linley, T. L. Conquest, Miss Virgie Brashears, Miss Rachel Coleman.

Miss Myrtle Ennis is visiting Mrs. Hattie F. Russell, of Louisville, Ky.

The latest recreation for young men of this town is pitching horseshoes. Back of Mr. Sam Powell's barber shop is quite a popular place for the game.

The Teacher-Parent association and L. I. club will give a union program at the school building Friday afternoon, April 30. Some pretty and valuable handwork will be on exhibit. The general public is cordially invited.

NEWS OF EAGLE MILLS.

(By G. C. Johnson.)

Special to The Freeman.

The board meeting at the Missionary Baptist church last week was carried out nicely. The amount of money raised was $102. Quite a number of delegates were here and every one seemed to have been religious during the meeting. -- A number of people went from here to Millville, last Sunday to attend our Easter program. -- Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Thrower have moved to their new residence in Millville. -- The entertainment at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Seay last Saturday night was carried out O. K. Every one seemed to have enjoyed themselves. Plenty of music by Professor Andrew Moore. -- Mrs. Jennie Brown of Millville, was the guest of her friends and relatives here Sunday. -- Miss Bert. Johnson spent last Sunday evening in Camden with friends and relatives and returned to her home in Eagle Mills Sunday night. -- Miss Bessie Hunter was the guest of Miss Gert. Johnson last Sunday. -- Mrs. Hettie Ross, of Milville, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Johnson last Sunday. -- Mr. Harvey Edwards is visiting in Fordyce for a few days.

EARLINGTON, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Sallie Bacon, of Indianapolis, Ind., passed through the city April 8th, en route home after a two weeks' visit in Hopkinsville, Ky., among relatives and friends. She is a sister of Mr. Douglas Terry, of this city.

Mrs. Qualls died Tuesday, April 6th, at about 5 p. m. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Pete Gordon, of Evansville, officiating.

Mrs. Peppers, of Crafton, Ky., was the guest of her step-daughter, Mrs. Tom Clark, who was on the sick list last week.

Mrs. Mary Lizzie Clark, of Guthrie, Ky., was the guest of Mrs. Almeta Bell last week.

Miss Allie Dulin, of Crafton, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. M. Donigan, last week.

BISMARCK, N. D.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Anderson returned from their week's visit with Brown's Tennessee Minstrels and report having a week of enjoyment. They heartily thank Mr. and Mrs. Brown for their hospitality.

Quite a number of friends called on Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Marshall Sunday. Mr. Marshall is Bismarck's colored contractor. The afternoon was spent in playing whist, after which the guests were surprised by the hostess, who informed them there would be a taffy pulling. The balance of the evening was spent at Mr. and Mrs. Anderson's residence, where singing and music were indulged in until quite a late hour of the night. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Woods, Misses Wilson, Griffen, Stuart, Hodges and Hulett. Harold Wilson leaves for Minot, N. D., Thursday morning to join the Tennessee's.

NEWS OF THE NATION'S METROPOLIS

Cleveland G. Allen, The Freeman Representative, Wins First Prize in Literary Contest Thursday Eve.

TOM DIXON TRIES TO DEFENE THE CLANSMAN!

Rev. W. H. Lee, Pastor of the Zion Church in Brooklyn, one of the Strongest Theologians of the Connection—Mayor Mitchell Refuses to Act and "The Birth of a Nation" is Still Showing in the City—Secretary S. S. Booker says Things are Going Well at Baltimore—Y. M. C. A. Soon to Break Ground.

Allen's National News Bureau,
252 West 53rd Street.

NEW YORK, April 11.—Cleveland G. Allen, the New York correspondent of the Indianapolis Freeman, and well known in literary circles of this city, won the first prize in a sight reading contest, held at St. Mark's Lyceum, one of the oldest literary organizations in this city, last Thursday evening. The contest, which was the first of its kind held at the literary, attracted wide attention on the part of the members of the organization, and was under the direction of Mrs. Rosa Lee McClendon, one of the best known dramatic readers of the city. There were fourteen contestants, among them being graduates of many of the high schools of the city. The contest was conducted after the most approved literary fashion, and the contestants were judged from the point of view of conception, enunciation, pronounciation and stage deportment. The poem selected for the contest was entitled "Sympathy," and neither of the contestants knew what was to be read until the evening of the contest. The prize will be presented at the next meeting of the society to the winner by some well-known professional man of the city. The judges in the contest were Miss Josephine Holmnes, formerly of Wiley University, and Miss Edith Leonard. The contest proved to be one of the most interesting events of the year, and has done much to stimulate further interest n the study of literature. The Freeman correspondent was congratulated on his success and his success has been spoken of in very commendable tones. The Freeman correspondent is one of the most active young men in the literary uplift of the race in this city, and takes a keen interest in all matters affecting the betterment of the young men and women of this city.

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Zion Pastor Getting Results.

Your correspondent always makes it a point to keep close tab on the work of the churches, and to watch with interest the work of the pastors of the various churches of the city of all denominations.

Your correspondent has long recognized the field of the Negro pastor is a wide one, and that the men in this field should be of the highest character and attainment goes without saying. Your correspondent endeavors to interview one or more of the city pastors each week, with a view of becoming acquainted with his work. Last week your correspondent called on the Rev. W. L. Lee, pastor of the Bridge Street A. M. E. Zion church in Brooklyn. Dr. Lee is one of Zion's most progressive pastors, and represents a type not usually found. He has forced his way to a place in his church by the sheer force of his personal character, and he is recognized throughout the connection as one of the strongest men in the field. Like most men who come to the front, Dr. Lee found himself in his early manhood combatting what seemed to be insurmountable obstacles. He was in the early eighties a struggling unrecognized preacher in Mississippi when Bishop Alexander Walters, then traveling in that state, saw somehing in the young preacher, and immediately became interested. He was directed to a small charge in Panola county—he speaks of this as the starting point in his career. Rev. Lee left the public schools at the age of sixteen, and was converted at the age of twenty-two. One year after he was licensed to preach he applied for admission to the West Tennessee and Mississippi conference, and was later transferred to the North Carolina conference, under Bishop Clinton. While in this conference he pastored in Wadesboro and Wilmington, N. C. He was then sent to the Allegheney conference, where, for six years, he was pastor of the Zion church in Pittsburg, Pa. While at this charge he did the most telling work of his career, and left the church with a membership of 800. He was a great force for good in this evil city, and when he left his charge his record was one of moral and intellectual purity.

Two years ago he was sent to the Fleet Street Church in Brooklyn, and he has proved a strong addition to the rank in this section. Dr. Lee is active in all movements tending towards race uplift, and is especially active in the interdenominational preachers' meeting, which meets every Monday afternoon at St. Mark's M. E. church. Dr. Lee takes his work as a minister seriously, and your correspondent has met few men who are more earnest and sincere for a better race and ministry than Rev. Lee. He is affectionately called by the brethren of the connection "ig Lee." He is in line for some good things in the connection, and has already been watched as a likable candidate for the bishopric.

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Tom Dixon Tries to Defend Clansman.

The editor of the New York Globe, one of the strongest and most high-minded journals in this city scored Tom Dixon's "Clansman" last week in a bitter editorial under the caption, "Capitalizing Race Hatred."

The editorial, which has attracted wide attention, severely condemned Dixon for the mean and base attitude which he assumed in his infamous Clansman, which has been dramatized by D. W. Griffith, and produced as "The Birth of Nation." The editorial questioned bitterly the accuracy of Dixon's premise and says that a grave injustice has been done to the Negro race as the result of the deep seated race prejudice exhibited in his Clansman. The editorial forced Tom Dixon out of his hole and last week there appeared in one of the daily newspapers of this city an article from Dixon in which he tries to defend his position in the play. The article is a feeble attempt to make atonement for a blunder and mis-statement of a case, and an injury done to another people. The attitude Dixon assumes reminds one of a dying man gasping for breath, and pleading to a higher authority for clemency. Among the five reasons Dixon states which he bases his premise for the background of his novel, "The Clansman," in his own words: "It tends to prevent the lowering of the standard of our citizenship by its mixture with Negro blood." This statement from this Negro-hating Southerner is hypocrisy personified, and will be resented by every loyal member of the race who reads these lines. If this is one of the reasons which he gives for the justification of his position, it has failed to make its point, because it takes but very little to see that this race has thought more of the "mixture" process than the Negro.

"The Birth of a Nation," is still playing in this city, and the mayor of the city has turned a deaf ear to the pleas of representative men and women of both races to drive this play out of the city. The National Association For the Advancent of Colored People has already secured an audience with the mayor, and has repeatedly interceded on behalf of the Negro to remove this play. It is believed that the only step to take will be to storm the play house with a view of doing violence.

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Will Petition Sixty-fourth Congress.

Rev. J. W. White, of Washington, D. C., was a visitor to Allen's National News Bureau last week, and talked to your correspondent in the interest of a petition which is being signed by the leading men and women of the race throughout the country to petition the Sixty-fourth Congress to restore the $1,292,444.50 claims due the 61,131 claimers since the Civil War. Rev. White said that a strenuous effort will be made to have this matter get the proper attention before the next congress, and judging from the enthusiasm that is being manifested he felt sure that the Sixty-fourth Congress will be moved to act.

Rev. White, who will go throughout the country in the interest of this measure, showed your correspondent records from the Congressional proceedings which showed that the matter has already been discussed before the congress. The petition, which bears the signature of some of the most prominent men of Washington and other cities, among them being E. W. Hewlett, J. T. Clarke, J. Milton Waldron, J. R. Hawkins, John W. Lewis and H. W. Bass, is worded as follows: "We, undersigned, petition to the Senate and Sixty-fourth Congress the passage of a bill making appropriation for the payment of claims growing out of the Civil War, which amounts to $1,291,444.50, and due to 61,131 claimers.

"This measure has been considered favorably in previous congresses, and we pray that it may get favorable consideration in the Sixty-fourth Congress." This is a worthy movement and should be signed by every man and woman of the race. Rev. White and his supporters have been untiring in their effort to get this matter through the various congresses, but each time has failed to do so.

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Concert of Negro Music.

The annual concert of Negro music by the Musical School Settlement for Negroes, under the direction of J. Rosamond Johnson, will be given Monday evening at Carnegie Hall. This will be the crowning musical event of the year, and brings out a large number of prominent musical folks of both races. This year's concert promises to be one of unusual merit, and much interest is being shown. The soloists this year will be Harry T. Burleigh, J. Rosamond Johnson, and Roland Hayes, of Boston. Besides the rendition of classics and Negro folk songs, the feature of this year's concert will be the presentation of the Indian classic, "Hiawatha," by Samuel Coleridge Taylor. This will be done by a chorus of 100 voices, who have received special training under Mr. Rosamond. The Musical Settlement is an interesting departure and is doing much to stimulate the musical education and development of the young men and women of the race. An interesting feature of the work this fall have been the afternoon musicales given by prominent musicions of both races.

Visitors to this city will do well to include the Musical School Settlement in their visits to the places of interest. The school is located at 6 West 131st street.

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Secretary Booker Says Baltimore Will Break Ground Soon.

Your corespondent has just received a letter from Secretary S. S. Booker, the energetic secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Baltimore. The letter breathes optimism and speaks of a hopeful outlook for the Y. M. C. A. in that city. He says the campaign workers are lining up with enthusiasm and rounding up the subscriptions, which are coming in in a manner that is very encouraging. Since Secretary Booker has taken up the gauntlet in Baltimore, things have become wide awake, and the enthusiasm which he is putting in his work has caught the men of that city and that 85,000 Negro citizens of Baltimore will get behind Mr. Booker in erecting a building such as a city like Baltimore needs.

I quote a paragraph from Mr. Booker's letter: "We are progressing nicely in our work. The future is very bright for our work in the city of Baltimore, in fact, we want to be the next city to begin on a new building. Cincinnati breaks ground to-morrow, and we are hoping to get under way some time this year. I shall encolse a paphlet showing you that I am not altogether idle in Baltimore." Your correspondent regards Mr. Booker as one of the most energetic young men in the field, and with the proper support he will do much for the young men of Baltimore. He is an ardent reader of the Freeman and always speaks a word of praise for the Free-

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NEWS OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL—AT THE HEALTH CONFERENCE—THE JOHNSON-WILLARD FIGHT.

(By R. W. Thompson.)

Capable Colored Clerks Promoted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8.—It is cheering to note the substantial recognition that is being accorded to efficient colored men and women in the executive departments of the government. Scarcely a week passes that does not mark the advancement of one or more of the colored employees in some branch of the federal service. Last week Secretary McAdoo, through Acting Secretary Byron R. Newton, gave promotions to Messrs. Henry J. Davis, A. J. Beverly and Charles G. Harris, clerks of acknowledged competency in the Treasury Department. This signal recognition of their merit is an encouragement to these workers themselves and a positive heartener to all others similarly engaged. The promotions carry a handsome increase in salary.

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The Outcome of the Johnson-Willard Fight.

The widely-advertised "mill" at Habana, Cuba, between Jack Johnson, the erstwhile heavyweight champion of the world, and Jess Willard, the most promising of the long line of "white hopes," did not excite any great amount of interest among the colored people of this part of the country. As a matter of racial prowess and pride, there was a preference that Johnson might be a winner, but aside from this very natural feeling, there was marked indifference as to the outcome and little disappointment that the championship has gone elsewhere. Said one well-known colored man:

"The possession of the title of heavyweight champion was an asset of doubtful value to the Negro race. We have had all kinds of trouble ever since Johnson won against Jeffries and it is certain that the victory at Reno intensified race prejudice throughout the country. We have had whatever advantage the title may have conferrd upon the race from an athletic standpoint and to hold it longer would have brought no additional honor. If the return of the belt to the white race will make them any better satisfied they are welcome to all the happiness they can get out of the glory of having the best prizefighter on earth. What the colored man wants is 'rest from the fight,' as far as the fistic arena is concerned. Our greatest credit lies along the line of productive effort in education, industry and commerce. If we put our full strength into those fields of endeavor, we shall lose nothing by the failure of Johnson to put Willard to sleep at Habana on Easter Monday."

This is what is being heard in colored circles throughout the District this week and fairly represents the sentiment prevalent among the thinking colored citizens of every class.

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THE NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

"The Smart Set," with Salem Tutt Whitney, Homer Tutt and Miss Blanche Thompson in the principal roles, is drawing crowded houses nightly at the Howard theater. The company may be held over to produce other musical comedies, if existing dates can be canceled. Miss Hattie Akers and Greenbury Holmes are Washington members of the aggregation and handle their parts to a nicety.

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Mrs. Ruth J. Cumber has enlarged her beauty parlor at 1107-09 U street, taking in two entire show rooms, and doubling her stock of ladies' specialties. This is a pleasing evidence of the passing of the so-called "hard times."

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Mrs. Lucy A. Blagburn, one of Washington's most popular and accomplished soprano vocalists, has regained her health and is once more in her place in the choir of the Metropolitan A. M. E. church. Mrs. Blagburn took a prominent part in the recent concert of the Will Marion Cook-Abbie Mitchell Folk Singers at the Howard theater, and was identified with the production of "The Atonement" on Easter Sunday at the Metropolitan church. She is always a helpful factor in the uplifting musical movements of this community, and her appearance at any entertainment is the signal for an ovation.

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Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, the platform queen, has returned from Rochester, Minn., where she underwent an operation with beneficial results, at the sanitarium of the famous surgeons, the Mayo Brothers.

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R. W. Thompson attended the Health Conference of the Maryland Colored Health Association last week in Baltimore. Dr. Booker T. Washington was the principal speaker at the great mass meeting at Bethel A. M. E. church and addressed 3,000 persons who packed the edifice, and several thousands were turned away. Prof. Mason A. Hawkins is chairman of the Conference Committee that made the affair the biggest of the country-wide meetings in the interest of better health for the Negro, fostered by Dr. Washington and the National Negro Business League.

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The colored business men of this section are getting ready to go to Boston in August, to attend the fifteenth annual session of the National Negro Business League. The local League is anxious to have Prof. Charles H. Moore get back into the harness as national organizer and come to Washington to put the once-effective business organization on its feet.

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Counsellor Thomas L. Jones, a leader at the Disctrict bar, has been makilng some stirring speeches at a number of the Washington churches on "The Status of the Negro in the Courts," including a resume of the influence of the Negro lawyer and what the legal profession is doing for the advancement of the race. The address is Counsellor Jones' best effort—and he is an orator of the first rank, no matter what the subject. Some of the congregations addressed thus far are those of the Trinity Baptistchurch, Zion Baptist, Vermont Avenue Baptist, Plymouth Congregational and the Interdenominational Bible College. Invitations have been received by Mr. Jones to deliver the address in Baltimore, Philadelphia and other points.

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Bishop Alexander Watters will be here on the fourth Sunday in April.

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The Freeman's Washington correspondent engages in no "fights." He simply gives the news as it is, without fear or favor.

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We desire to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a number of beautiful sea-shells, sent from St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, by Mr. Romeo L. Dougerty, who is at the United States Consulate there, and a Jamaican coin, for a pocketpiece, forwarded by Rev. L. G. Jordan, who is at Kingston and other points in Jamaica, with Dr. C. H. Parrish, arousing interest in the work of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

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Rev. Alexander Truatt has returned to Alexandria, Va., for permanent residence.

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The Griffin Sisters are doing finely at the Fairyland theater.

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The "school fight" is still on. Change in the administration of the colored division of the public schools was delayed somewhat by the interpolation of Congressman Madden's point of order which struck out the provision empowering the Commissioners of the District to take over the appointment of the Board of Education, but the new order of things will come in shortly after the opening of the 64th Congress in December. The plain people are determined to end the present regime, for reasons that are well known, and they are not going to mince matters in carrying out their purpose. "Clean out the Augean stables" is the war cry, and the battle bids fair to be one to a finish. In the meantime, the local system and the country at large are being canvassed carefully for a proper successor to the present Assistant Superintendent, Roscoe Conkling Bruce.

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Nevertheless and notwithstanding the bitter warfare against Dr. Lucy E. Moten, for more than thirty years principal of the Myrtilla Miner Normal School, this worthy educator will be retained to the end of the chapter. The race has not a more competent trainer of teachers anywhere, and the personal fight against her, renewed with the accession of each new Superintendent, is to the discredit of those engaged in the nefarious business. Dr. Moten is a fixture at the Normal, which she has built with her own hands, and the people of the District are with her.

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It leaks out that Lawyer R. R. Horner, a former member of the Board of Education and a delegate to the Republican national convention in 1908, came within an ace of being appointed a judge of the police court by President Taft. Mr. Horner rendered effective service for the party in 1908 in the Middle West.

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Attorney W. L. Houston is pushing the new order, The Supreme Order of Helpers of the World, into national proportions. Former Register J. C. Napier is the official head of the organization.

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Judge and Mrs. Robert H. Terrell lost valuable personal property through the recent fire at the storage house of A. A. Weschler on Pennsylvania avenue.

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Mr. Will A. Vodery, the song writer and producer, may locate in Washington.

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The new members of the Mu-So-Lit club are W. A. Baltimore, George W. Scott, J. C. Payne, F. Morris Murray and Dr. Creed W. Childs. F. D. McCracken, who has returned to his home in St. Paul, Minn., has been placed on the honorary list.

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At this week's meeting of the Mu-So-Lit club the subject for discussion is "The Life and Works of Paul Laurence Dunbar." Prof. M. Grant Lucas is making an admirable president and the sessions are always profitable and full of "ginger."

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President Wilson has named Caesar Simmons as postmaster at Boley, Okla. The town is exclusively colored and is one of the Southwest's most progressive communities. Mr. Simmons is a democrat.

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Mr. Lewis E. Johnson, formerly secretary of the Y. M. C. A. here, has formed a partnership with A. E. Patterson, for the practice of law in Chicago.

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Mr. James C. Waters, Jr., has become a contributing editor of the Washington Sun, succeeding T. Thomas Fortune. Dr. Julia P. H. Coleman, a brilliant young woman, is editor-in-chief and general manager. The Sun recently celebrated its first anniversary and gave a black eye to those who assert that Washington is necessarily a "Negro newspaper graveyard."

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The Washington Bee and Washington Eagle are strong in their opposition to the present administration of the colored schools. In this they represent the popular sentiment, shared alike by teachers, pupils and parents.

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The agitation for the repeal of "Rule 45," by which female teachers are automatically separated from their positions by marrying, is growing day by day in the District. The leading white women of the city are holding mass meetings and preparing strong arguments for submission to the Board of Education, showing that "efficiency not sex or social status, should determine the retention of teachers in the public schools." The colored women have taken up the cudgels against the illogical rule and are planning to hold a public meeting, in connection with the Bethel Literary and Historical Association, the District's leading forum of popular opinion.

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At last week's session of Bethel Literary, Lawyer J. H. Hayes, of Richmond, discussing the war situation in Europe, held to a theory that the conflict means great good to all of the darker races of the world and that out of it will come better conditions for the oppressed peoples of all lands—the Jews, Negroes, British Indians, Africans subject to Europeans, Chinese included.

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Counsellor Thomas L. Jones is mentioned as fit material for the revised Board of Education. He is a man of the people and would be responsive to their wishes.

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Work has been commenced on the new $75,000 edifice of Asbury M. E. church at 11th and K streets, the old site. It is expected that the basement will be ready for occupancy by next December. In the meantime Dr. M. W. Clair's congregation is worshiping in the main auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. on 12th street.

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There is nothing in the fear that the curriculum of the M street high school is to be "industrialized." The course will remain as it is, with the "higher education" as the main line of work. The industrial instruction will be pushed through the vocational and manual training schools, and it is likely that these will be eventually consolidated and enlarged, as the demand of the masses for vocational education increases. There is no need of setting up men of straw for the doubtful pleasure of knocking them down. M street high school will continue to fit into its intended niche and the vocational work will be carried on in the place designed for it.

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Rev. Alexander Willbanks has been making a profound impression in Philadelphia as the "Black Billy Sunday." A Philadelphia daily devoted a full page to him recently, with an assortment of cuts showing him in picturesque poses. Dr. Willbanks is pastor of the Friendship Baptist church of this city.

K. OF P. LODGES HOLD THEIR ANNUAL SERVICES.

Special to The Freeman.

MERIDIAN, Miss.—On last Sunday, March 28th, the following lodges of K. of P. held their annual thanksgiving services at Pilgrim Progress Baptist church, Fourteenth street; Lodges No. 12, No. 420, No. 365, No. 34. G. S. Johnson, master of ceremonies; Jas. G. Mason and C. T. Butler, orators for the day. There were many good things said for the upbuilding of the order. The weather was fine and a large crowd was in attendance. Following are those who spoke on Pythianism: W. T. Gillespie, Prince McCree, C. T. Butler and E. H. Triplett. Sermon by Rev. J. S. Brookins, D. D. Total collection for the day was $24.55. -- On Monday night, March 29th, Prof. William Pickens, of Wiley University, Marshall, Texas, one of the foremost orators in America who recently returned from a trip to Europe, spoke at Meridian Institute. Prof. Pickens was graduated with honors from Yale University, winning the Ten Eyck prize for oratory. His reputation as a public speaker is national. -- Rev. I. S. Petties, of Scooba, Miss., is conducting a revival at Union Baptist church this week for Rev. J. T. Davis. We hope success will follow the meeting. -- Mr. T. J. Wilson is very sick at 33rd avenue and Valley street. -- Mr. Louis Lee, of 34th avenue has returned home from Laurel, Miss., where he has been employed at the Hotel Pine Hurst. -- Mr. Fred Brown, of Chicora, Miss., was in the city last week and was the guest of Miss Pearl Brown, at 27th avenue and 9th street. -- For your spring suit made to order call at the Crawford Bros'. tailor shop. They carry a full line and the latest style. -- When you want your old shoes repaired carry them to the Cotton shoe shop. All work guaranteed. -- Are you a race man? If so, why not build up your own race's enterprises. By helping others you will help yourself. Don't forget to call at the Howard Drug Store every Saturday and buy a Freeman and keep in touch with the race. Any information you want you may have by asking the clerk. At the grand opening of St. Joseph's Hall April 5th there was the great Hindoo Trunk Mystery and the winder of wonders, given by Mr. H. L. Wonders. Admission was 15 cents. Everybody admired Mr. Wonders. -- For your meals call at Ben Pickle's cafe, just across the street from the Union Station. Regular meals, 15 cents. Short orders at any time. Open day and night.

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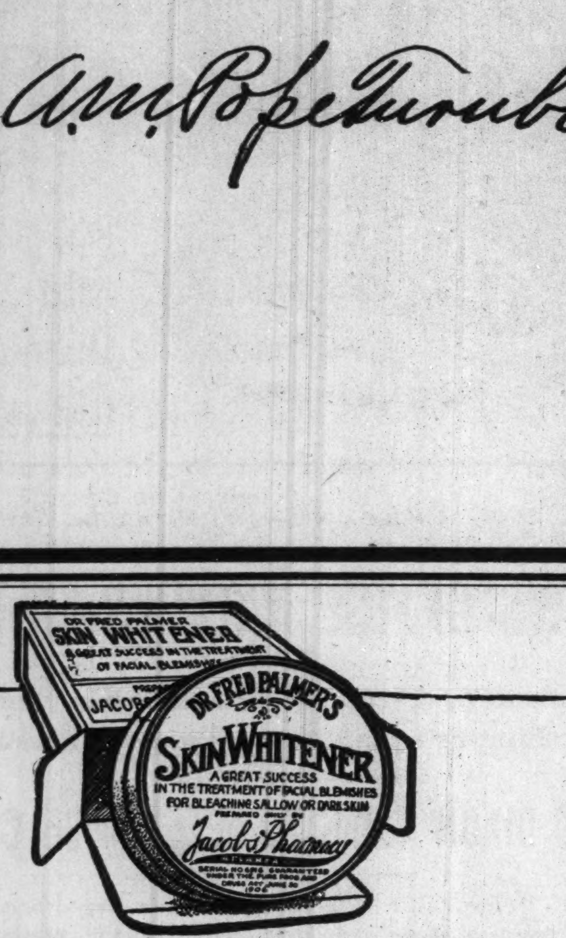
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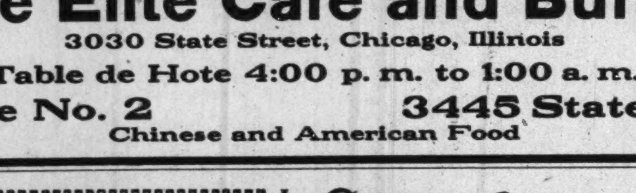
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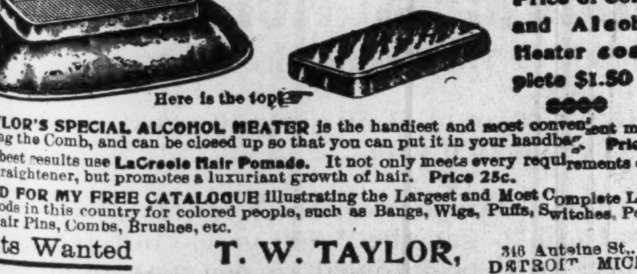

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Mrs. Kittie Speene Mitchell, of Cleveland, O., is the only colored singer who has sung Hiawatha under the baton of Coleridge Taylor. For over five years Mrs. Mitchell was the leading soprano soloist at the First Congregational church at a large salary.

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Madame William James has been in the hair dressing business for years. She also does hair manufacturing and facial massage. She recently finished a course in the Swedish body massage.

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Mrs. Jennie Watts Brown, of Chicago, Ill., is a dramatic reader and impersonator.

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Any time a married man hears of an ideal husband he has a vision of a poor fellow who is being imposed upon.

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Mrs. Naomi Hardrick Mosley is the new secretary of the Pythian Savings and Loan Association at Indianapolis, Ind.

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Mrs. S. A. Foster conducts a profitable grocery at Chester, Pa.

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An Indiana woman has discovered that tin cans may be utilized for fuel. She says it takes about two hours in a hot fire for a can to be consumed and during that time it throws off a great deal of heat.

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Miss M. Belle Anderson is teacher of domestic science and domestic art at the State university, Louisville, Ky.

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The domestic science department at Georgetown, Ky., is in charge of Miss Freda Masterson. Miss Ella B. Arrington has charge of the manual training department. She is an expert in the use of the hammer, saw and plane.

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Mrs. Florence L. Simpson conducts a first class millinery establishment at Chester, Pa., and has a liberal patronage from both races.

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Mrs. Susie Johnson is the proprietor of a hand laundry at Minneapolis. She guarantees all work which is personally supervised by her.

Mrs. Ora B. Stokes has been appointed to secure exhibits for the jubilee exposition to be held in Richmond, Va.

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As a memorial to their late president, Mrs. M. E. Hamilton, the state of Tennessee sent 1,637 stamps to the National Training School. Stamp day was inaugurated by Miss Nannie H. Burroughs to help reduce the postage bill of the school.

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The first moonlight school graduation was held at Winchester, Ky., on the 30th of March. Two hundred and three pupils left the illiterate class and received certificates. Mrs. Maggie Robinson was awarded the prize of $5 for having made the greatest progress.

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The Hospital Aid Society of Tuskegee gave their annual dinner in March. The object of this society is the support of the charity ward in the John A. Andrew Memorial hospital, of the institute.

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The "Changed Cross" was given recently at the A. M. E. church at French Lick under the supervision of Mrs. Bessie C. Jones. This beautiful Easter story portrays the hopes, ambitions and successes the soul is heir to, and the different feelings poverty, fame, learning, wealth pleasure, sin and pride were represented by the members of the Pulpit Aid, under whose auspices it was presented.

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Miss Lola Mayes, an ambitious Galveston, Tex., young lady, is taking special training at the University of Chicago.

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Mrs. O. B. Smitherman conducts a nice grocery and confectionary at Tulsa, Okla.

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Miss Frankie Wilson is head of the repair department of the Cottage Dye House, Indianapolis, Ind. Mill Wilson has been with this establishment five years, and by thoroughness of work, affability of manner and application to detail has made herself indispensable to the proprietor.

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Miss Florence G. Wilson, besides teaching school at Chester, Pa., finds time to act as agent for one of the race papers.

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Mrs. Daisy Merchant is a successful cateress at Cincinnati, O. Mrs. Merchant furnishes her own silver, cut glass and linens and has an autotruck to carry her belongings from her place of business to her patrons. All work is under her personal supervision.

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An eighth grade teacher asks, "What are the duties of the clerk of a court?" One of the smartest girls in the class gave this answer: "The duties of the clerk of a court are to attend all the births, deaths and marriages in the country."

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This beautiful tribute was paid Mrs. Carolina Will Langston, at her funeral services: "If all the good deeds and kind words uttered by this good woman could be set to music, the firmament would be alive with songs of praise."

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I believe the faithful sun will shine tomorrow.
I believe in courting joy and banishing all sorrow.
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I believe it is our duty to convert the pessimist.
I believe we help ourselves whenever we help others.
I believe without a doubt that all of mankind are brothers.
I believe all busybodies should busy boosters be.
I believe if I expect the best, the best will come to me.
I believe that every failure can be turned to a success.
I believe ill luck is good luck in a masquerade dress.
I believe in boosting others and boosting with a zest.
I believe that all that happens must happen for the best.
I believe an ounce of laughter is worth a ton of sighs.
I believe in all humanity that dwells beneath the skies.
I believe that hope is man's friend, despondency a grafter.
I believe if you're alright here you're right in the hereafter.
I believe that God's green earth was made to live in and be merry.
I believe there is really no need of such a word as "worry."
I believe the clouds have two sides to them; one dark, the other light.
I believe you'll always find them fair, if your viewpoint is right.

IN OLD PADUKE.

Jas. A. Buford Census Enumerator—The "Quadroon or Out of Bondage" Well Received—Shower of Comments Bestowed on Bennett's Young Orchestra—Miss Catherine M. Johnson Speaks in Interest of N. A. A. C. P.—Another Industry—Burk's Chapel Baptises—Three A. M. E's. Ordained—Easter Exercises Held at the Churches—Mr. W. B. Martin Goes to Memphis.

(By J. J. Amos, 1063 North 7th St.)

Special to The Freeman.

PADUCAH, Ky., April 8.—By the public school authorities, Mr. Jas. A. Buford has been appointed census enumerator for the city. His territory is south of Washington street. Mr. Buford's qualifications well fit him for the position, which has been heretofore held by a person not a Negro. Mr. Iva Boyd has a similar position, but works from Washington street north. He, too, is a young man of much deservedness.

"Millie, the Quadroon, or Out of Bondage" was the title of the drama that was so well played by local talent at the Masonic Temple, Tuesday evening, March 30th. Rev. C. G. Rowlett, pastor of the Presbyterian church, to which the door receipts were given and a goodly number of Presbyterians and their friends were present and frequently cheered the players, who seemingly did their best to enhance the entire performance. Moreover, "Priscilla," the doctor's old maid sister (Mrs. Romana Roach), and "Millie Grove," the doctor's wife (Miss Obedius Adams) received more than usual praise for their clever work. As an added feature to the above program, Mr. Nath Bennett's orchestra, which is composed of tender aged boys, performed well on their respective instruments, such as are seen and heard in our orchestras of older players. After each incidental, numerous hands went up for the "baby" musicians. Following is the listed orchestra: Garnet Bradley, 1st violin; Boyd Atkins, 1st violin; Buford Richardson, 2d violin; Harry Sled, 2d violin; Willie Suggs, viola; Shandy Shelton, 'cello; Henry Boyd, 1st clarinet; Dorman Hackett, 2d clarinet; "Uncle Nat," 1st cornet; Elzee Milligan, 2d cornet; Leo Caldwell, 2d cornet; Willie Martin, 1st trombone; I. C. Parrish, 2d trombone; Irvin Clark, Jr., double bass violin; Eddie Dixson, trap drummer. These boys are using their spare time to get the necessary musical instruction and practice that will, and is now placing them in accordance with their demonstration at the temple lately, in line with classified professionals. Mr. Nath Bennett, "Uncle Nat," as his familiar friends call him, has the hearty co-operation and good will of the majority of Paducahians for the wonderful patience he has shown while trying to teach the "babies" properly, the music way. Not only has Mr. Bennett a bunch of boys in training for music makers, but below are the names of Bennett's orchestra of girls: Misses Maria Geiger, 1st violin; Corine Richardson, Dow Young, 2d violin; Dorothy Pearl Wheeler, 2d violin; Eunice Geiger, viola; Oneida Clark, 'cello; Alena Geiger, double bass.

Recently, Miss Catherine M. Johnson was the speaker of the city, in interest of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. She was heard and warmly applauded. A local branch was not organized, but those who joined the association were admitted as members of the national body.

Karnes and Hills' brick works after being closed during the winter, began work last Saturday. A number of colored boys and men are glad to get that Saturday afternon cash, at the brick yard.

Last Sunday at 5 o'clock Burk's Chapel engaged in an early morning prayer meeting; at six o'clock the Rev. J. J. Jacobs baptized several persons at the foot of Ohio street.

Mrs. Lillie Spillman, Hester Ann Crutchfield and Mrs. Caroline Bohanan were ordained last Monday night at Burk's Chapel.

The various churches held their Easter exercises as usual. Rev. J. W. McClure, pastor of the C. M. C. church, preached an excellent sermon Sunday at 11 o'clock service. "The Resurrection," his subject. Exercises at 3 o'clock were highly enjoyed. The address of Prof. Praither, principal of Lincoln high school, was great. Paper by Mrs. Poynter and Mrs. Pryor, respectively, was patiently listened to. At 8 p. m. the Sunday school choir rendered music, singing "Christ is Risen." Mrs. J. W. McClure also read a paper. Many congratulations were passed to Dr. A. L. Logan for the musical program.

Mr. W. B. Martin who, during the past few years has been in the employment of Avant and Morton shaving parlor, has entered the collection service in Memphis. Mr. Martin's friends should like to have him stay in Old Paduke, yet wish him success in his big city where they walk, talk, sing, play, and even feel those "Memphis Blues."

Mrs. Julia Bacon is visiting Mrs. Wm. Campbell, 720 Clark street.

Mrs. Nettie Jordan, after spending quite a few happy hours with her acquaintances, Mrs. Emma Barnett, and relatives lately, returned to her home, 803 Caldwell street.

The Knights of Tabor, of which Mrs. Pauline Grubbs is Grand Chief High Priestess, is preparing for an entertainment May 3d, that the Grand Lodge which meets here July 22d, may be properly cared for. Many delegates, both state and national, are expected to be present here on the date given.

If we only had a jitney line from Old Paduke to 406 Water street, Mayfield!

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MAYFIELD, KY.

(Luray Mae Galbreath.)

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church met with Mrs. Ethel Waterfield Monday afternoon. -- Rev. Wm. R. Ward left Tuesday night for Louisville to attend the evangelistic meeting. -- Mr. Austin Duffy, of Pryor's chapel, died April 2d and was buried Sunday, April 4. Funeral services were held at the A. M. E. church, Rev. Wm. R. Ward officiating. -- Mr. Manual Vance is visiting his mother, Mrs. Henry Vance of N. Eighth street. -- Mrs. John Sherrells entertained a few friends with a picture show party. A two-course luncheon was served at Mr. and Mrs. Jim White's residence. Those present were Mrs. Pearl Mathis, Mr. Sam Jones, Miss Blanch Carman, Mr. Elmo Gardner, Miss Trilby Rhybon, Mr. Plummer Kindrex, Mr. and Mrs. Jim White, Mrs. Cora Sherrels and Mr. Herbert Carmon. -- Read the Freeman, on sale at 406 E. Water street. Old phone 325. -- Mr. Carl Brooks visited in the city Sunday. -- Mr. P. S. Drain is able to be up at this writing. -- Mr. Henry Hammons is able to be out after a long spell of sickness.

CHARLESTON, W. VA.

Mr. J. Mason was a business visitor Monday in Charleston, W. Va. He has also opened up a new business in Gallapolise. -- Mrs. L. A. Gough continues ill at her home in Montgomery, W. Va. -- Mr. James Anderson was a business visitor in Montgomery Saturday. -- Miss Willie Saunders was visiting relatives Sunday at Eagle, W. Va. -- Messrs. Forster and Furgerson has opened a first-class barber shop and pool room on No. 17 Summers street. -- When in Charleston don't forget to stop at the T. Thomas Fortune Club, 21 Summers street. -- Charleston, W. Va., has the best taxicab system in the State. Don't forget to call 1840. Prompt service at any hour. -- Mr. C. Powell, Mr. Scott Vickers, Miss Ethel Carter, Miss Cora Morgan, Miss Maggie Davis and Mr. George Dills were business visitors in Charleston, W. Va., this week. -- Mr. C. Campbell has opened a new department—the only colored undertaker in Charleston, W. Va. He is the only undertaker in the city that has a chapel. -- It was indeed a very sad affair on Wednesday evening, March 24, 1915, when death entered the home of Mr. Dock Miller and claimed his wife, Mrs. Millie Miller, age 52 years, who had been sick but a short time. She was born in West Virginia and has been a consistent christian from childhood, being ready at all times to do what she could to bring others to Christ. The church has lost a faithful member, the community a citizen who should long dwell in your minds as a christian example.

BOSTON, MASS.

Miss Leontine Washington, late of J. C. Rockwell's Sunny South Company, announces her engagement to Mr. Robert Blacknell. They are to be married Tuesday evening, April 20, 1915, from her residence, 81 Village street.

Mr. Reginald Ruffin sends regards to Mr. Elwood Knox and extends a cordial invitation to all performers visiting Boston and others to call and see him at the Comus club, 109 Elliott street, where he will make things as pleasant as possible for them.

Williams and Stevens left Tuesday morning to open in Putnam, Mass., with their big show—twenty-four people and band.

Viola Harris is now rehearsing her big act, the Alabama Buds, to go in vaudeville in the near future. Regards to Lena Mitchell, of the Three Mitchells.

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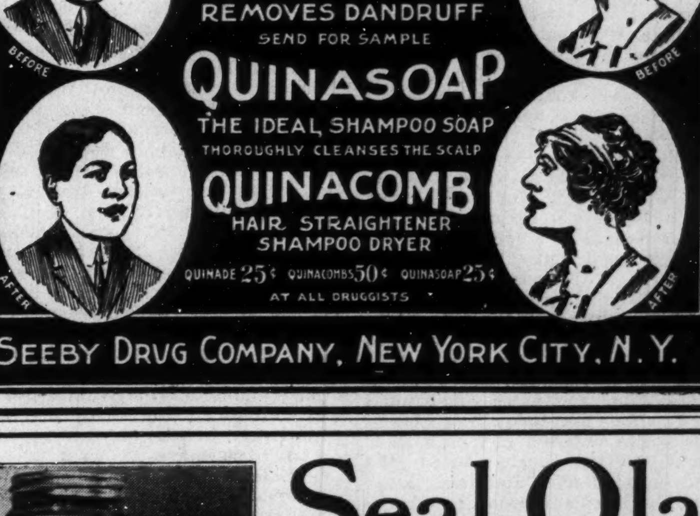

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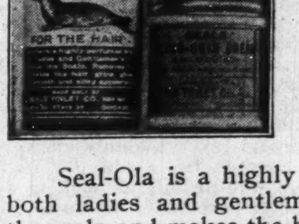

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And some of the election fraud conspirators were permitted to report at prison when they had put their affairs in shape. Nice, isn't it? Nor is there anything wrong about it, just so the men get in at a reasonable time. However, such leniency wouldn't do as a general rule.

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"The Birth of a Nation," a moving production, ask $2 per seat. It is a thing built on race prejudice and seemingly meant to inflame racial passion. This is the only $2 production in the world, and we are the subject—the Negroes. It is being bitterly opposed, but, we will think, not very much to any purpose. The promoters have put $100,000 in the production. It was not done without considerable thought.

The election of Oscar De Priest, a Negro, as an alderman in Chicago last week caused much rejoicing among his race. Judging by the comment of race publications all over the country his success is viewed as a sort of omen for race good generally. Mr. De Priest is a Republican, one of the reasons why the Chicagoans are so jubilant, and also the reason that the Negroes over the country are cheered by the information.

Greens are getting to be greens in these days, when that hay like taste is giving away to that delightful tang that follows when they are at their best. Spring is the time for greens, and just like it is for so many things. The dandelion, that most democratic of flowers, is ushering in. It is most imposing in its democracy, thrusting forth everywhere. It is one of the things that are exceptions to the rule—that common, self-imposed things or not good things. It is a reminder of the master when on earth around doing good whether it is expected or appreciated or not. The efficacy is none the less.

"Janus," a contributor to a publication of Lagos, Africa, says:

"The hatred of Germany and everything German, which is evidenced in the change of the name of the Russian capital from St. Petersburg to Petrograd, is asserting itself in Lagos. There is only one street in Lagos with a German name that I know of—Hamburg street; and that I see has recently been changed to Campos street."

The bitterness of the present war, we think, will be the strongest advocate against all wars in the future. There is a way without war. Men claim to be wise, very wise in this day. It is strange that they do not discover another route to peace other than that through which Europe is now passing

The following from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, tells its own story: "Never before in the history of a military post have white and colored enlisted men been separated in public amusements of the post, until today, April 1, 1915, when the detachment commander, commanding the white and colored detachments, serving in the school section, gave orders that the west end, reserved for enlisted men be divided, the north side around the stove above and below be reserved for the white enlisted men and their families, and the south side for the colored enlisted men and their families. The non-commissioned officers detailed to see that the order in question was carried out or obeyed. The colored detachment's duties are to attend to the hall, clean it up, attend to horses and see that they are ready for any service and yet they are segregated on days of exhibition."

The information is from one who knows. It seems to us that there is much needless discrimination. We can't see the necessity of introducing it in new places, unless the Negro race is moving like a crawfish—backwards. We do not think that is true.

Considerable discussion is going on at the present time concerning the pay of Pullman porters. One publication had this: "That he has not long ago been displaced by the white porter is additional evidence that he is being employed at a salary far less than any white man would accept." We think the assertion is purely speculative, not because we think the salary is attractive, but because the tips dwarf the salary to merely a side issue. American white men do not take to the tipping idea. They would rather be paid straight salaries. We have many foreigners who have been brought up in the tipping atmosphere. Some European servants expect no wages. And, indeed, it is said that servants in good places pay for their jobs. That may not be true. It is true, however, that European servants depend largely on tips for existence. We think colored porters are retained because of their peculiar efficiency. Then there's that wider social gap which so many of means like to see. The South is more romantic than the North, owing to its superior claims of aristocracy, based on the wider social gap. These two conditions are the salvation of the Negro porters, and servants in any capacity, and not that their jobs are not desired.

Thursday, April 15th, was the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln. President Wilson thought it fitting that the half century of years that have passed should be emphasized by thoughtful remembrance of him. Our race can not afford to slight the opportunity to honor Mr. Lincoln. He was the medium of our freedom regardless of what men say about the expedients and exigencies of war. He could have done nothing alone, nothing without the loyalty of northern governors and the northern armies. But the object is not to fight the war over again. His place is fixed foremost in history because he advanced so greatly the cause of mankind. They are the first men of the world who have the greatest share in redeeming men, lifting up men whether it be politically or spiritually. Most every nation has its few first men, all of whom have stood for men. Lincoln's name towers with the foremost of all time. His earnestness, his loveliness and contriteness and the other better attributes of mankind, and which seemed to end in him, fixed him for his day as if it were ordered at the foundation of the earth. Time does not reduce him. The proper thought of him tends to make men devout in patriotism, devout in all respects even as it concerns the things not of this world.

CONSPIRATORS SENTENCED.

Among the Terre Haute (Ind.) election conspiracy defendants were six Negroes, all of whom drew light sentences. Three of these got six months in jail at $10 fine. The other three got four months in jail and $10 fine.

The chief offenders, including Mayor Roberts, were sentenced to prison for various terms. The mayor drew the "capital prize" which was six years in prison and a fine of $2,000. He and eighteen others of the 116 convicted men have taken an appeal to the circuit court of appeals.

The judgment of the court is summarized as follows: Prison sentences to twenty-one; jail sentences of six months and $10 fine to ten; jail sentences of four months and $10 fine to twenty-four; sentence of three months and $10 fine to seventeen; jail sentence of sixty days, to thirty-two; jail sentence of one day and $100 fine to three; jail sentence of six months to one.

The Negroes may consider themselves fortunate in getting such light sentences. They had no defense, practically admitting the charges against them. There is nothing to be said in their behalf. There is a moral, however, to be extracted, and it is that Negroes as well as other men should not monkey with the elective franchise. The Negroes especially should be careful in the thing of disfranchising citizens. It is that whether they are conscious of it are not. When the votes deposited in the ballot box are not a reflex of the people of a community there has been disfranchisement.

Following are the Negroes who were mixed up in the election conspiracy:

GEORGE EVANS, dive keeper, in charge of negro repeaters at both the registration and the election.

HENRY (DUTCH) ROCHELLE, gambler, who gathered negroes together and instructed them in false registration at Ben Murray's saloon.

WILLIAM BUNKLEY, entertainer in George Evans' dive, chief aid-de-camp to Evans in chaperoning repeaters to the polls to vote.

THOMAS (FRENCHY) ROSS, gambler who gathered Negroes together and instructed them in false registration and voting in George Evans' saloon.

CLARENCE STARKE, saloon keeper in the Bagdad precinct, his joint being the rendezvous for repeaters at both registration and election.

GEORGE (THREE-SHELL) ROUSE another gambler, active in causing false registration and voting of Negro repeaters in Bagdad.

"THE BIRTH OF A NATION."

"The Birth of a Nation," a moving picture, was thought to have been squelched by the Negroes in the east where it is now being produced. The production is a lingering reminder of Thomas Dixon's "The Clansman," book and play, which were attended with such a sensation a few years ago. "The Clansman" was built on race feeling. Mr. Dixon took advantage of the known fact, that of race feeling, producing a play which was popular enough in a way. We say, popular in a way. It was that popularity of curiosity, if we can so express it. It was something as a famed criminal in the morgue—many wish to see. In the case of the Clansman play, sleeping racial feeling was aroused, making for a national condition which was anything but national. It was a breeder of race strife.

In time the play was beaten off of the stage because of what it stood for. Well meaning white people helped the colored people to put it out of commission. But it seemingly will not stay "put." Dixon is either a determined Negro hater, or else he has tasted the sweets of popularity, and which popularity, if that be it, he can not persuade himself to forego. He clings to the one idea as if that were his only stock and store. We ask unanimously that he quit us, but like Poe's sibylic raven his only answer is "never more." He would plunge the nation in woe to line his pockets with silver or to perpetuate his name. It's a pity that he does not put his talents to better exchange.

"The Birth of a Nation" as a moving picture production is not out of action as information of a few days ago had it. It has, seemingly, a new lease of life. If we are to judge of its success by the price of admission to see it, it is the greatest product of the age. Last week it was produced at Liberty theater, New York, admission, $2. We don't mean two cents; we mean two dollars. What does this prohibitory price mean? Is it a war on the race begun in high places? Thinking of this is almost equal to the losing of race hope. Battling over our heads, in the skies—Zeppelins and aeroplanes—where there is small hope for those who must creep on the ground. The intial expense of the production was $100,000. That amount of money is not spent without mature deliberation—there is a method in it.

A New York writer corresponding with an Indianapolis paper recently had very much to say about the production, setting it out in detail, giving facts and comment speculative and argumentative. His conclusions are on the right side, but like many a play the damage is done in the interim. We mean that he whets the edge of curiosity while condemning the play. Perhaps it is not meant that way, but just the same, one's desire is considerably heightened after reading about a $100,000 movie production, $2 seats and the rest of it.

The writer says among other things:

> "But, alas, in this case he is most unfortunate in his choice of subject. Tackling the vexed questions of southern reconstruction in a motion picture—and a picture based, too, on the yellow, prejudiced, lurid tale of Tom Dixon—is a perilous proceeding. It is perilous because there were so distinctly two sides of these questions. They were subjects for debate, nay, for prayer. The motion picture, showing only physical action in pantomime, falls down utterly and helplessly when it comes to grapple with such a theme. "The Birth of a Nation" has many stirring pictorial moments, and, because Griffith staged it, it has a coherent story that drives along. But as a picture of reconstruction, it is one sided, unfair and in its ultimate effect extremely pernicious. The negroes, and such people as Jane Addams and Frederick Howe, who have protested against it, are entirely right in their protest."

And who is it that would not like to see some of those "stirring pictorial moments?" and "a coherent story that drives along?" A regular press agent could not have put it better. After some discussion the writer goes on:

> "This act culminates with the assassination of Lincoln in Ford's theater, the camera being placed in the balcony so that you see the play on the stage, the audience, and the President's box. It is said that the interior was reconstructed very carefully to meet historical requirements. Nevertheless, to some of us the scene is decidedly unpleasant. Lincoln is one of those men you instinctively resent any attempt to imitate on the stage."

This is also tremendously fascinating. Who is it that would not like to see the "assassination of Lincoln" done as our moving pictures can do it?

Note this very picturesque paragraph:

> The trouble comes in the second part. Here we see a character called the Hon. Austin Stoneman, "leader of the house" (a rather evident attempt to embody the disagreeable side of Thaddeus Stevens), as dictatorial leader of the radicals in congress, force his carpet bag methods upon the south, with the aid of a hugh and disagreeable mulatto bully and his own mulatto mistress. The results are shown in a series of pictures all of them based more or less on facts to be sure, but none the less pernicious for that. For instance, we see a meeting of the South Carolina legislature when there were about twenty-five whites in it to about 100 blacks. We see, also, much more terrible results of black rule. And, finally, as a result of all this, we see the organization of the Ku-Klux, and watch them sweep all before them and regain what the pictures call "their Aryon birthright."

That's enough to stir up the oldest inhabitant. Think of seeing the real thing by way of a Negro legislature. Who is it that would not like to see all of what is set forth, including the deadly Ku-Klux? We give the remainder of the article as it appeared, the very long moral, and which will not stay the desire to see the pictures so attractively set forth:

> Now, there is no question but South Carolina before the balance was restored, and other states as well, were terribly misruled by the black legislatures. Of course they were. But it must also be borne in mind that the blacks were not ready for the franchise. They had but just merged from slavery. It was quite as cruel to them as to the south to give them this sudden power. A film, however, can take no account of that.
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> There is no question, again, but the blacks committed many outrages, and under the circumstances the Ku-Klux Klans were sometimes defensive organizations which we can not help sympathizing with. But it is equally certain that at other times these klans committed outrages quite as bad as, or even worse than, any committed by the blacks. Nothing of that fact, however, gets into the picture. You can not balance things that way in a film drama.
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> Above all, it should not be forgotten by either north or south, that if the south smarted under the black rule for a time, the north was also smarting from the misery, the toll of life and money exacted by the war; that it regarded, and rightly regarded, the south as a conquered enemy, and under the circumstances, human nature being what it is, neutral peoples have been astonished, not at the troubles caused by reconstruction, but at the magnanimity shown.
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> In other words, both sides acted in a perfectly natural manner, and both sides made mistakes, and the job for us today is to forget those bitter hours as fast as we may, and, as a united people, realizing at last that the negro is a human being like us, but a human being still—after fifty years of freedom—in a low state of civilization, give the utmost that is in us to the task of making a man of him.
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> Now, "The Birth of a Nation" doesn't aid in this purpose at all; it hinders it, rather. It makes for class prejudice and passion, it rakes up memories better dead, it utterly lacks the balanced view, the fair presentation of history, which alone could justify a work for public exhibition on the subject of reconstruction. It lacks it in part because Tom Dixon's novel lacks them; it lacks them still more, perhaps, because the motion picture drama can not carry any such weight of intellectual appeal. Only bald, physical action is possible, and that means inevitably a one-sided story, a one-sided if not a positively false emphasis. The motion picture in other words, must stick to unimportant fables, or it will make a mess of things. It has made a mess of things in this case. The national board of censors was much to be blamed for ever passing this film. It is likely to do great harm.

BISHOP C. T. SHAFFER PREACHES AT COLUMBUS, O.

Preahes at Dedication of New Church. Rev. J. H. Persley Has Charge of New A. M. E. Church.

Special to The Freeman.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 15.—Bishop C. T. Shaffer, of Chicago, Ill., was the guest of Mt. Vernon Avenue A. M. E. Church last Friday evening, when the Bishop preached at the dedication of the new church, which is located at Parsons avenue and Maine street. A special conference was held by the Bishop with Presiding Elders Gassoway, Dr. Collins, Dr. Snelson and the Rev. J. H. Persley, in charge of the new A. M. E. church.

Miss Singie Bartley, of 720 East Long street, is reported very ill.

Mrs. Agnes Transsuee, late of Dayton, Ohio, who has spent ten months with her sister, Mrs. Robert Lane, of 266 Sandusky street, departed this life Easter Monday. Dr. Snelson conducted the funeral at 6:30 Friday last. The remains were taken by the husband to Milford, Ohio, for burial Saturday afternoon.

Dr. Snelson baptized Sunday afternoon Mrs. Josie Stuart, 227 Tallmadge street, who is very ill. She was received as a member of the Mt. Vernon Avenue A. M. E. Church.

Rev. J. L. Thompson, presiding elder of the C. M. E. church, preached an eloquent sermon at Mt. Vernon Sunday night. Mr. Brown, a theological senior of Wilberforce University, and Professor Powell, Tuskegee representative, also participated in the evening program.

Rev. J. W. Tindele, of Steubenville, Ohio, while stopping over en route to the Lexington Conference, to be held in Chicago this week, was the guest of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Catherine Tindele, of 216 North Cleveland avenue, Monday, April 13. He was also the guest of Dr. Snelson.

Third quarterly meeting will be held at Mt. Vernon Church Sunday, April 18, the Rev. J. W. Gassoway presiding elder. Holy Communion at 3 p. m.

The Columbus Choral Club's Easter recital was very splendid. Something over $100 was received by the Mt. Vernon A. M. E. Church, for whose benefit it was given. Dr. Snelson passed resolutions of appreciation and thanks Sunday night to the Rev. Geo. L. Davis, director, and to all members of the society for the very excellent entertainment, "The Gospel of Easter." The summer recital will be given for the benefit of some other Columbus church.

The City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs of Columbus, Ohio, are preparing to entertain the state convention to be held here in June. The women of the city are much interested in this work.

Mr. John Hill visited Chillicothe, Ohio, Sunday and spent the day with his aged parents, who are ill.

Miss L. A. Ursa Waterloo Snelson will close her work at the girls' training school, Daytona, Fla., about the first of May and is expected in Columbus shortly thereafter.

Mr. Charley Mitchell, who lived in Fifth avenue, departed this life Saturday, suffering from hemorrhages. Burial was held Tuesday from White's undertaking parlors in Union cemetery.

Mrs. R. D. Lee, who has been visiting her daughter in Owensboro, Ky., and attending to business in Louisville and French Lick, Ky., has returned to her home at 216 Cleveland avenue.

There was a social and entertainment given in honor of the Eleventh Street M. E. choir at the home of the organist, Mrs. Catherine Tindele, Friday evening.

Rev. McAdoo will preach at the Eleventh Street church in the place of the pastor, Rev. Gillian, while the latter attends the Lexington Conference in Chicago.

MISS LILLIAN JONES BROWN DELIGHTS DAYTON AUDIENCE

With Dramatic Reading of "The World and His Wife."

(By F. M. McIntyre.)

Special to The Freeman.

DAYTON, O., April 15.—Miss Lillian Jones Brown, one of the leading teachers of the public schools of Indianapolis, Indiana, and a dramatic reader of great renown, rendered one of her very talented readings entitled "The World and His Wife" under the auspices of the Junior Club of Zion Baptist church. Miss Brown proved herself a great artist in her line of work and gained admiration and praise of her large and appreciative audience with the natural ease with which she rendered the reading. Dayton will again try to have Miss Brown with us in the near future. She goes from here to Columbus, Ohio. -- The famous Marco base ball team were out on Sunday at Westwood field for a little limpering up for the first time this year. Capt. Johnny Carr put his men through the pads good and hard for about four innings and then had them take it easy for one hour. Those who have reported so far are in fine trim and look as though they will cop another bunting this year. Manager Matthews says his boys are out for another big year. Their star right-hand pitcher, Joe Beston will not be able to report until some time in May; also "Red" Gilliam, the battery partner of Joe's and first strong catcher last, will report around the first of May. Until our friend "Red" arrives Clarence Evans will do most of the catching. Both Gilliam and Evans are sweet on the recruiting line and sure hitters. Several faces will be seen in the Marco line-up this season. -- The Delphain Literary Society held a very excellent meeting on Friday, April 9, 1915 and ended up with an old-fashioned spelling bee, which was enjoyed by all present. -- Mrs. Barlow, of Sprague street, is doing nicely. -- Mrs. Veite Boland of 330 Washington street, is not improving very much. -- Miss Eloise Douglass spent Sunday in Springfield, Ohio, visiting Mrs. Alice Daniels, formerly of this city. -- Rev. Dr. Jackson, who is president of the aged ministers home at Bellefontaine, Ohio, preached a very interesting sermon Sunday morning at Zion, taking his text in Hosea 14th chapter and fifth verse. Dr. Jackson, as many of us know, is a very able speaker and indeed we enjoy sitting under his matchless voice. -- Rev. E. E. Thompson, of Zion Baptist Church is delivering a series of sermons, the first one being on April 11th, on "The Home or the Ideal Husband." Dayton needs many more such sermons which touch upon the home life of boy and girl, mother and father. -- Our popular young undertaker, Mr. Garfield Jones is on the sick list but is doing nicely. -- Mrs. Sarah Pettie was hostess of the Aurora Culture Club at the residence of Mrs. Francis E., 13 Olive street. Covers were laid for twenty-two guests. Mrs. Pettie is a very accomplished hostess and entertained her guests to the highest. After the club had finished the business, a four-course dinner was served in the beautifully decorated dining room. The Culture Club held its annual election of officers. -- Mr. Lee Umble, who is out trying for a place on the Stoners high school base ball and track team, is making good. It looks as though Mr. Umble will make the first team as he is holding down second base much better than any of the boys of the white race of the track men who will be sent to compete against the University of Michigan in May. Mr. Umble is one who is very fast in the 440 yard dash.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

(Freeman Headquarters, 2922 Cochran Street, By. Col. J. G. Griffin.)

Special to The Freeman.

The people who are interested should wake up. Negro business should receive better support from the masses and in return the masses will have to have better treatment from some of those in business. -- The Trinidad street airdome invites you one and all to their newly-made park and open-air theatre Monday night, April 19th. Everything new to the patrons. -- These columns are for you each week to let the people know your friends and relatives, your business, social and private parties and if you desire the Freeman special service, phone Haskell 6956. Mrs. Cora Irving and Mr. Welch have recently been married and their friends are congratulating them daily. -- The passing of some of the hard times is being witnessed here with all classes of the race. Working people are daily seen with a pleasant smile; the children you meet all seem happy, the mothers and fathers receive you into their various homes with more cordiality and the Freeman is being bought by all classes more readily. Good times makes it so, so let them continue is our daily prayer. -- The remains of Rev. George J. Johnson of the Church of God, were laid to rest on Tuesday last, after a short illness, Rev. C. L. Bryant, pastor, officiating. A large number were at the services to pay their respects to the work started by this good and noble man. His wife has the sympathy of their friends and co-workers. She wishes to thank them one and all for their assistance in these dark and dreary days. -- Make that long promise good now by paying for the Freeman to read in your home or business places. -- The New Live Oak is ever ready to serve you in the best of eats at the lowest cost. They are leaders on dinners, lunches and short orders, pastries. They are simply it at all times. Wm. Jackson, proprietor. -- It's so much better to be a winner than to be a looser. Ask the poll tax league members about it; those men and boys as they were called, by some of the old-time politicians before they led a victorious battle Tuesday, April 6th. They are due some credit for past blunders but they made the negroes who had paid their poll t ax stand up and be men and vote straight for those winners and they all can now rejoice. -- Rev. E. L. Jackson, of Temple, spent awhile here with his sister and her family on San Jacinto street the past week. -- Our sick, who are improving: Mr. Tom Cole, Mrs. Susan Bolden, Master Bill Johnson, Mrs. Isaac Curtis and daughter, Mr. Chas. Thompson, the barber, Mrs. J. C. Calhoun and Mrs. J. M. Coats. -- Those of the Poll Tax League who met at the Frazier hotel last Wednesday evening had a jollification meeting that will live and be long remembered. -- The newly elected mayor and city commissioners will take the reins of Greater Dallas in charge May 1 and begin a new era for all the people, and, lest you may forget, you are here reminded that you are a part of that people if you call Dallas your home. So let one and all help to keep the prosperity movement going around and around, so we will all feel it in all parts of the city. -- If you wish to increase your business or find your lost relatives, put an ad in The Freeman. It will bring you results at once. -- See Tree Winn in his new shop. -- Fort Worth Wonders beat the Dallas Black Giants at Gardner's new park last Sunday. But they are a bunch of comers, so the fans say, and they are the ones to know. The ball fever is here and in the bones of everybody everywhere. -- Mr. John Smith, of Marshall, was here en route from Ft. Worth home. -- Prof. Andras Babero, the magician, gave two of his great entertainments to our people here the past week. -- The revivals are all doing a great work of soul saving in Dallas. -- Mr. Jack Duty, the famous blacksmith, was laid to rest last Sunday from the Free Will Baptist Church. The services were in charge of Algairs K. of P. Lodge. Rev. Posey Johnson preached the sermon, assisted by several others. Mr. Duty leaves several relatives and a large number of friends to mourn their loss. His last words were: "I am ready; all is well." -- Mrs. Ida May Kennedy was called to the bedside of her mother at Rockdale this week.

KENTUCKY NEGRO EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—On April 21 Louisville will open her doors to receive a great concourse of teachers which will assemble there to discuss problems of vital interest to their profession. This promises to be the largest gathering of colored teachers ever held in the state of Kentucky, and hence nothing is being left undone that will make it the best meeting of its kind ever held in the state. The elaborate program arranged for the occasion will include some of the leading educators from all over the country. Among them are Dr. H. T. Kealing, president Western University, Quindaro, Kansas; Dr. R. P. Halleck, Louisville; Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, Buffalo, New York; Cora Wilson Stewart and Dr. Lewis B. Moore, dean of the School of Education, Howard University, Washington, D. C.

Many of the speakers who address the K. E. A., which meets in Louisville at the same date are invited to address the K. N. E. A. Among them are Dr. P. P. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner of Education; Dr. Spencer Dawes, Commissioner of Education, Albany, N. Y., and others.

As the time of our meeting is near at hand, we take this opportunity to suggest to the teachers to write to Prof. W. H. Perry, 2911 W. Walnut street, for accommodation during the association meeting. Prof. Perry and his committee will be pleased to secure for you a home and give you full information concerning rates, etc.

Mr. James Garret and wife, of Cincinnati, proprietor of a pool room, is spending a few days in Lexington, visiting friends.

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL. NOTES.

Mayor John M. Chamberlin was defeated by Fred W. Mollman Apirl 6.

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Ira Hamilton of East St. Louis, Ill., will box Alligator Kid, of St. Louis, Mo., at Feature City Friday, April 16.

A grand opening was given Wednesday evening at the San Francisco bar, 12th and Division avenue.

Mrs. Gussy Sweeny, of Indianapolis, Ind., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mollie Kyle, of 109 North 13th st.

The Hellrung baseball team defeated the East St. Louis Giants, 12 to 6, Sunday, April 11.

Mrs. May Lites, of 1238 Division avenue, died Monday evening. She had been ill a long time.

ADVERTISEMENT.

Young woman, a graduate of the Lelia Walker Robinson College, New York, desires a position as assistant to some one in the same line of work. Well versed in the technics of Madam Walker's methods. Can furnish best of references. All communications can be sent to Box B. The Freeman.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

(By Z. L. Breedlove, Phone Bell 1659)

To be a pilgrim knight or a pilgrim sister is to interested in something that is advantageous to the race individually and collectively. All who are interested now may sound the alarm "some other day" and it will be "too late." We should do now while we can give to the world our best, and the best will come back to us; do not bind your best up in napkins of selfishness and fault-finding, if you do you will surely meet it again. -- A. M. E. Church.: Sunday was quarterly meeting day. Rev. A. T. Jackson presided and preached both morning and evening. The subject in the morning was "The Suffering of Christ" and in the evening "The Importance of Prayer." Sunday school was well attended. -- The Allen League was led by Miss Beatrice Gray. There was an excellent attendance. -- Salem Church: The services on Sunday were well attended. The pastor, Rev. J. M. Owens preached in the morning on "Why I am a Baptist." At 3 o'clock in the afternoon twelve candidates were baptized in Crystal Lake. In the evening services were opened with a solo by Miss Nellie Carter, after which the new members were received into fellowship with the church and Rev. Vinyard of Lovejoy preached on "The Light of the World." -- Rev. Panke, presiding elder of this district of the C. M. E. church, preached at the C. M. E. church Sunday both morning and evening. -- A drama entitled "The Face at the Window," in three acts, was presented at the A. M. E. church Friday, April 9, under the supervision of Miss Alice Moore, was very well played. -- Mr. Horace Elliott and Mr. Vern Watts, employees of the Beardsley Hotel, left Tuesday for Cedar Rapids, Iowa. -- Mrs. Anna Randolpha left April 13th for Indianapolis to visit her daughter, Mrs. Sam Lane. -- Mrs. C. E. Phillips, of Monticello, is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Emma Overton on Market street. -- Mrs. Lula Tatt is ill.

A. B. C.'S SHUT OUT THE RESERVES BY 7-0 SCORE

Charleston Allows Losers Only Three Hits and Fans Nine—Field Work Is Good.

The A. B. C.'s shut out the Indianapolis Reserves last Sunday at Northwestern Park, 7 to 0. The pitching of Charleston for the colored 'champs was excellent, he allowing but three hits, two of which came in the first inning. In six of the nine innings the batters went out in one, two, three order. The colored boy also fanned nine.

Both teams played a fast fielding game, the A. B. C.'s going through the contest without a misplay. The catching of Mitchel and two sensational catches by Lyons featured. Score:

A. B. C.'s.	AB	H	O	A	E
Shively, lf	4	2	0	0	0
Clarke, s	3	0	1	3	0
Lyons, cf	3	0	1	0	0
B. Taylor, 1	2	2	13	3	0
Powell, c	4	2	10	0	0
Allen, 3	3	0	2	3	0
Briggs, 2	4	1	0	2	0
C. Taylor, rf	3	1	0	0	0
Charleston, p.	4	0	0	5	0
Totals	30	8	27	16	0

Reserves.	AB	H	O	A	E
Hanna, s	3	0	1	3	2
Kraft, 2	4	1	2	0	0
Bruder, 3	4	1	1	1	2
Burk, cf	3	0	0	0	0
Doremus, 1	3	0	10	0	0
Mace, rf	3	0	3	0	0
Mitchell, c	3	0	5	4	0
Layton, lf	3	1	2	0	0
Broucher, p	3	0	0	3	0
Totals	29	3	24	11	4

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A. B. C.'s......0 4 0 0 1 0 2 0 *—7

Two-base hits—Powell, Layton. Sacrifice hits—Allen, C. Taylor. Stolen bases—Kraft, Bruder, Shively. Bases on balls—Off Broucher, 4. Struck out—By Charleston, 9; by Broucher, 4. Hit by pitcher—By Broucher, Clarke; by Charleston, Hanna. Umpire—McCarty. Time—1:20.

BASEBALL SEASON OPENS SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Louisville White Sox Will Engage Muldoons of Cincinnati, O.

Special to The Freeman.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 14.—The 1915 baseball season will be inaugurated at Spring Bank park next Sunday afternoon, when a game will be played between the famous Muldoons, of Cincinnati, O., and the Louisville White Sox, favorites of the local colored fans. The usual opening ceremonies will prevail on this memorial and the Western Union Band has been engaged to render music before and during the game. Everything will be pulled off in big league style, and one of the largest crowds that ever attended a game at Spring Bank park is expected to witness the opening.

The colored fans of this city have declared Sunday, April 19, "White Sox Day," and will turn out in big numbers to the game in order to show their appreciation of the efforts of Manager "Steel Arm" John Taylor, who has left no stone unturned in an endeavor to provide the fans of this city with one of the strongest team ever It seems as though he has succeeded, for he has corralled some of the best colored players in the country, and they are sure to win many a game for the local fans. The team will line-up as follows: Manager Taylor, Burch, Lively and Hocker, the latter a brother of the first baseman, will look after the pitching; Jones will do the receiving; Bruce Hocker, first base; Jimmie Matthews, second base; Houston, shortstop, and Jim Taylor, formerly with the American Giants, will look after the third station. In the outfield the fans will see Scotland, better known as "45;" the peerless Dunbar and Lucile Moore, the latter considered one of the fastest outfielders in the business. Manager Taylor announces that he will bolster up the weak spots which may appear as the season progresses. He will add two new men to the local lffline-up as soon as they have finished their college courses. Taking everything into consideration the White Sox have a team which will prove hard to beat and one that the fans ought to appreciate. It is without doubt the strongest team that has ever represented this city. A prominent local colored fan has been engaged to toss the first ball on opening day. Out-of-town teams seeking games with the White Sox are requested to write H. C. Dickens, president, 217 West Market street.

WEST BADEN SPRUDELS ORGANIZED, PLAYING WINNING BALL FROM THE JUMP.

(By Virginia Mallory.)

WEST BADEN, Ind., April 13.—The West Baden Sprudels have about organized their club, and as Manager Rogers says, "it is the best ever." The Sprudels have with them this season a club of real hitters, a bunch of ball players that will undoubtedly surpass all in this part of the country. -- The Sprudels shut Salem, Ind., out East Sunday, 9 to 0, and then they run the Pekin Tigers in town games, 18 to 2, and 21 to 8. Then they took hold of the Terre Haute, Central League, club Sunday, April 11, and lost, 6 to 4. Terre Haute proved too much for the Sprudels, the having three men who had just arrived. The Sprudels' lineup as follows: Chappie Johnson, 1b; Wm. McMurry, 3rd; Ted Kimboro, ss; Bimgo Demoss, 2nd; Dan Kinnard, c; George Brown, cf; Ed Harrison, lf; Chas. Blackwell, rf; "Hub" Miller, Arthur Gillard, Frank Casey, p; Robert Stokes, J. White, utility. The Sprudels will play C. I. Taylors A. B. C.'s April 19, 20, 21 and 22 for the championship of Indiana, and a real fight is expected.

VICTORIA TEAM BATTLES FAMOUS COLORED NINE TO FINAL OUT.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 6.—Battling the Colored Giants right to the wire for a 5 to 4 decision, Victoria's rejuvenated ball club delivered the goods in rare fashion at the ball park yesterday, the biggest crowd that ever witnessed an exhibition game in the capital turning out to greet the Leafs. The colored aggregation drew down the breaks of the game, and though outhit by the Maple Leafs, they managed to pound a couple of high flies over the centre field pailings for the runs that copped the fixture. It was a grand old tilt for a spring training clash, Roses' two boots in the outfield being the only miscues of the entire piece. The larruping Leafs lived up to their name, the fans being highly tickled with the brand of baseball uncovered by a club which has only started to get into shape for the long season's grind.

Score by innings—
Amer. Giants......0 2 0 1 0 2 0 0 0—5
Victoria..........0 0 0 0 3 0 0 1 0—4

Summary: 3 hits and 2 runs off Raleigh in three innings; 4 hits and 3 runs off Hanson in three innings; 2 hits and no runs off Grimes in three innings; 8 hits and 4 runs off Ball in eight and one-third innings. Bases on balls—Off Ball, 2; off Hanson, 3; off Grimes, 1. Struck out—By Ball, 3; by Wickware, 4; by Raleigh, 1. Wild pitch—Ball. Hit by pitcher—Wickware, by Grimes. Two-base hit—Butler. Home runs—Hutchinson, McMair, Rose. Double play—Rove to Grover. Left on bases—Giants, 7; Victoria, 9. Time of game—1:50. Umpire—House. Attendance—3,500.

NEGROES BEAT BEAVERS.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Thursday, April 8.—The Colored Giants of Chicago won the opening game of the series with Vancouver yesterday by a score of four to three. Fast fielding by both teams featured the contest. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Giants	4	8	2
Vancouver	3	6	1

Batteries: Whitworth and Santop; Reuther and Brottem.

GREAT COLORED TRAINER OF WHITE TEAM VISITS HERE.

Edward La Force and Assistant, George Aston, Make Stop Over.

Mr. Edward La Force, the great colored trainer of the Pittsburg National League baseball club, and his assistant trainer, George Aston, also of Pittsburgh, Pa., spent Monday and Tuesday of this week in the city and were callers at The Freeman office. Mr. Edward La Force is considered one of the greatest trainers of baseball stars in America and maintains that distinction, and his assistant, Mr. Aston, also enjoys a very reputable reputation.

Who Wants to Go to

The Panama Pacific International Exposition?

You Can Go if you Want to!

THE FREEMAN

will give you a round trip ticket to the Exposition and $25 expense money.

Anyone, male or female, over sixteen (16) years of age may enter the contest.

How you may go—Anyone getting two thousand and five hundred votes (2,500) can make the trip.

How the Candidate is Nominated!

The first year's subscription to The Freeman of $1.50 gives 500 votes and nominates the candidate.

Each additional yearly subscription of $1.50 gives 10 votes.

Six months subscription is equal to 6 votes.

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Begin today if you want to go. Anyone can enter contest.

Anyone in the contest that fail to get the 2,500 votes, but get one-fourth of the amount (625 votes) will be allowed 25 per cent. of all the money they send in. Contestants must report once a week by not later than Tuesday, in order that the number of votes can be published each week.

Send all money by Post Office Money Order or Express Money Order payable to The Freeman.

The contest will close October 1. Parties can go any time the required number of votes are secured.

The Panama Pacific International Exposition closes Dec. 4, 1915. For further information write The Freeman.

NOMINATING BALLOT

The Indianapolis Freeman's Trip to Panama Pacific Exposition!

This nominating blank is worth 500 votes if accompanied with one subscription.

I hereby nominate..
Name of Nominee
whose age we know to be over 16 years. Whose address is..........
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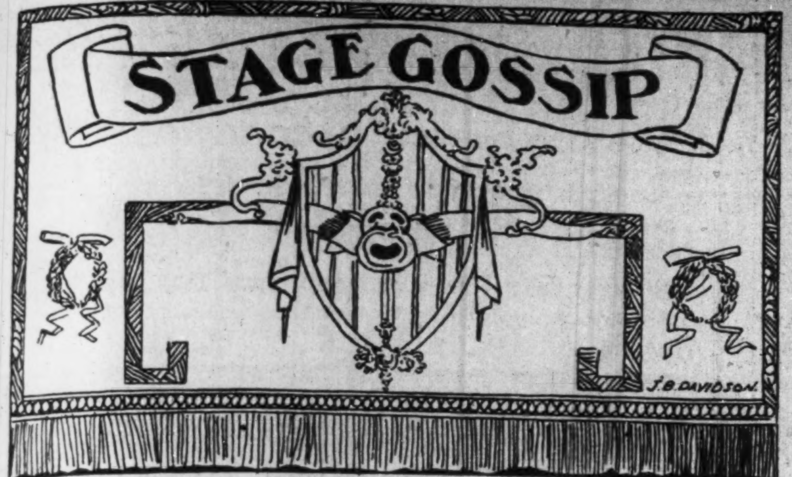
Nominated by...
Address..



Minor & Minor at the Crown Garden next week.

The Goodletts are now using Minor's Southern melody, "When Mammy Sings."

The new songs in the act are "Mae From My Home Town," and "That's My Business," by Mr. Minor.

The Rabbit Foot company of thirty, including the famous Dewayman Niles, is now in the state of North Carolina.

Harry Julius Gleen, late Star of Darktown Follies, and James Robinson, famous colored tenor, are routed over Walter Plummer Circuit.

Cooper, the great Mayo magician, finishing up a tour of Florida. Would like to hear from Joe Neans, Dothan, Ala., or Ozark, Ala., general delivery.

Daniel Perkins is now in Norfolk, Va. At home, 1365 Eden street. Regards to all friends in and out the profession. Mail will reach him at the above address.

John H. Wickliffe, trap drummer at the New Monogram theater, Chicago, Ill., sends regards to G. W. Ayers, with O'Brien's Minstrels, and Joe White, with Rabbit Foot company.

Minor & Minor are in Indianapolis this week. Coleman L. Minor is a successful song writer and producer. He is looking over the theatrical situation. He has something up his sleeve which he says he will pull later on.

Martin and Motely's Merry Makers, with an all star cast at the Lyric theatre, Newport News, Va. Alice Ramsey, Maybell Brown, Elizabeth Van Clay, Alice Russell, Chas. Nickerson, George Byrd, Gallie DeGaston, Lewis Liggins are coming west soon.

The Ramble, given by the performers in Cincinnati, O., last week, was a grand success. It was headed by C. L. Minor, Arthur Porter, James Green and Arther Allen. The show consisted of a minstrel, first part, olio, and six big acts, and after piece. S. R. O. sign was out long before the show and 200 were turned away unaccommodated.

Dounvese & Clippen have just closed a two weeks' engagement at the Metropolitan theatre. Believe me, we kept them going from start to finish. Will open at Bailey theater week of 12th, Atlanta, Ga. Hamtree Harrington and Hambone Jones write us. Washburn & Piper stay where you as as we are coming your way soon.

The Lewis & Lewis Stock company opened the Pearl Theatre, Louisville, Ky., under new management, Monday, April 12, to a packed house, with a good bill all way through. It is hard to say what part or who went the biggest, every performers was a star. Lewis & Lewis, Davenport & Davenport, Davis & Brown, Corine Thornton, Anna Hicks Clark, all send regards to all friends. Eugene Clark and our proprietor were all smiles.

Now and then a correspondent puts one over us, making assertions in their articles that look innocent enough, but when carefully read are full of harm. The Lafayette theatre, New York, was recently referred to in a way that reflected on the management and performers. We mean to do nothing of the kind. Lafayette theater is not different to others. If it is knocked, all are knocked, and what does that mean? It means occupation gone. It's a bad bird that befouls its own nest. The colored profession is doing what it finds necessary to do. If there is wrong, it is with the accusers—the onlookers, and not the profession.

THE ALABAMA MINSTRELS.

We were in Tulsa Sunday and played to turn-away business. We had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Effie Moore, and she looked the picture of health. The company had the time of their lives. Hamp Harper sends best regards to John Alford, Prof. E. Brown and Rufus Wiggs. Joe Sudler would like to hear from John Butler and sends regards to John Alford and Elwood Johnson. The Alabama Ball team has played five games and won four. How's that, boys. Route: Kiowa, Kan., April 15; Wilmore, 16 and 17; Coat's Protection, 19.

LEW PAYTON GETS CONTRACT TO RUN BIG SHOW

Will Open Large Plantation Company at Beach Park.

Special to The Freeman:

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 10.—Mr. Lew Payton, the well known performer and producer, also a one-time team mate of A. A. Copeland, is now interested in plantation shows at Beach Park here. He sends regards to Mr. Archie Greathouse and other friends of Indianapolis, Ind., and the country over. His address is 36 Favor street, Rochester, N. Y.

A FEW NOTES FROM DENVER.

(By Chick Beaman.)

Denver is in the throes of the universal depression, yet the colored population seem to be drifting merrily along with the tide.

The Reo club, the headquarters for all the elite of Denver, is one grand spot for the younger element in seeking healthy amusement. The best I can say for the Reo is: "That it's first-class, and your wants will be carefully attended by the proprietor, Eddie Page, the man with the golden smile."

I was the guest of Doc Blair to witness the Al. G. Field's Minstrels Saturday night, April 11.

I am here for an indefinite period—but not ailing, thank you. I am glad to see the manifestation of interest in our dear Freeman in Denver and Pueblo.

THE ROGERS' GREATEST SHOWS ARRIVE IN GREENVILLE, TENN.

GREENVILLE, Tenn.—The Rogers Greater Shows are here for the week April 12 to 15. Last week we were in Newport, Tenn., and all the shows were quite successful. Every night was good, with the exception of Friday night, when all the shows were closed on account of the death of Mrs. J. Rogers, wife of Mr. James Rogers, manager of the Rogers Greater Shows.

Our show has two on the sick list, George Watkins and Adams Williams, but both are improving.

Chas. Smith and wife are still putting on those catchy first parts. Little Jack Pitt, better known as the "Little Funny Man," is singing his own composition, entitled, "I Need the Money." Miss Sarah McCorner is still featuring the "Dengoza" strain. Miss Annie Bell Conwell is singing "That's Why I Am Crying For You." All you buck dancers that's en route behind the Rogers Greater Shows better be in No. 1 class, and not in No. 2, because Little Cuba, from Memphis, is sure some dancer, and has two good feet, and never has nothing to say. Say, Cuba, how is it you lack long pants? Miss Johnnie Carathers is singing, "You Can't Expect Kisses From Me," and is making good. Mrs. Fannie Butler is singing that catchy song, "Across the Mason and Dixie Line." Prof. Tim Butler, our pianist, and little Joe Bird, of Paris, Ky., are still on the job. Joe is there with his traps and he is some more drummer.

Newport long will be remembered. Dr. Dennis Branch gave a banquet for the company and everyone enjoyed the contents. Mr. S. P. Reinhardt, Mr. Pete Twittz, Mr. Chas. Garret, Mr. Howell, friends of Dr. Branch, were also present. Mr. Sam McReynolds, our Freeman agent, was toastmaster. Mr. Fred Hall was spokesman. The girls sang and entertained to the highest, and then we had a little dancing, and then everyone sang, "Good-night, My Love, Good-night." Dr. Branch will be long remembered by us all. Newport, Tenn., is a wonderful little town. Everyone you meet, both white and black, all seem as if they are glad to see you in their little town. Oh, you Newport, we all love you and hope to return some day.

Rogers' midway reminds you of a street in a city. You met a stranger every day. Miss May Harris athletic show joined us last week. Kid Miller, wrestler; Tom Corbett, boxer, and Kid Mack, promoter are with us. Mr. Rumage just got back for the season, but his ferris wheel will be in the air at Apalachia, Va., next week. Mr. and Mrs. Langhem's seven-in-on show and shooting gallery are doing good business. Mr. Slim Maxwell's Egyption show is doing big business. Bill Cooly is still on the job with his snake show and doing fine. Mr. E. Snaton pop-corn machine is always going. Mr. J. Price's midway cafe is doing good business and gives good service to all. Jimmy Anderson, high diver and balloon ascensionist, is second to none. C. K. Sleet is still lecturing and is speeler at the seven-in-one show. Montana Bell and her cowboy wild west riders are the feature of the Rogers Greater Shows. Just wish to mention that Chilo got lost in the mountain for four days with his automobile, and found himself two days later.

On last Thursday morning Mrs. James Rogers was called to death by the Guardian Angel after an illness from pneumonia of only a few days. Mrs. Rogers was the wife of Mr. Rogers, manager of Rogers Greater Shows. Mr. Rogers was 35 years old and had been in the carnival business for 12 years. In the tent show business Mrs. Rogers was widely known and was conversant with every angle of the business. Her loss is deeply felt by all who knew her, as she made friends everywhere, and was loved by all who came in contact with her. Her loss is deeply felt by all with Rogers Greater Shows.

THE NEW CROWN GARDEN THEATRE

Tim E. Owsley, Propr.

The New Crown Garden Theatre, Indianapolis, is in its second week since the reopening. The weather has been clear and bright, and the crowds are learning their way back to the one vaudeville theatre among us.

The bill this week is what can well be called classy. The musical numbers by the Musical Goodlets were particularly good features. They have beautiful, costly instruments, which they know how to play. Josephine Tobias is a classy singer of class songs. Her voice is pretty and effective. Her numbers are "Goodbye, Sweet Heart, Goodbye," "Dearest Memories" and "Isle De Amour."

Myers and Myers are good in their various numbers, singing, dancing and talking.

Collins and Barrett make good as comedian and straight. Collins is a sure enough comedian. Miss Barrett wins in her song number, "Alone in a Great City."

The pictures, so far, have been decided features.

THE MUSICAL GOODLETTES AT THE NEW CROWN GARDEN THEATRE, INDIANAPOLIS.

The patrons of the Crown Garden Theatre were highly entertained by the Musical Goodlettes this week. The Goodlettes, man and wife, are real musicians, playing a number of instruments, including the xylophone, the steel marimbaphone, the musical rattles, the cello, violin and piano.

They used three of these instruments in their work here, the xylophone, the marimbaphone and the musical rattles. The two last instruments are rather new; they have never been seen on the Crown Garden stage before.

They open with the "Medley Overture of 1915," a duet. This was followed by "Massa's In the Cold, Cold Ground," also by both of the Goodlettes.

A four-part harmony, "Apple Blossom Time in Normandy," was done on the rattles. Mr. Goodlette followed with that delightful "Sextet from Lucia" on the xylophone. The two followed, doing for encores "Hungarian Rag" and the "St. Louis Blues" on the same instrument.

Their numbers met well merited applause. Both are young people, yet they have done very much, rendering the best classical and popular music on instruments that require the highest technical efficiency. It was pleasing to see the young woman follow her husband from instrument to instruments doing her part with the same masterly precision.

All of their numbers were well received, especially the popular airs and the "Sextet From Lucia."

They go from here to Pittsburgh, where they will be under the Dudley management. They are grateful to him for his interest in them. From Pittsburgh they will go to Philadelphia. After this engagement, Mrs. Goodlette will go to Middletown, New York, where she will take a much needed rest with her people.

NOTES FROM THE J. C. ROCKWELL SUNNY SOUTH CO.

We will leave Michigan Wednesday and will then be in the state of Ohio, still doing business as usual.

Cherokee Thornton will be at Liberty soon—in the course of six weeks. —Best regards to all friends in and out of the profession. William (Tiny) Walker, the trap drummer, would like to hear from his many friends. Everybody happy.

BABY FRANKLIN SEALS WRITES FOUR NEW SONGS.

Well Known Writer of "Baby Seal's Blues" at Galveston, Texas.

Special to The Freeman.

GALVESTON, Texas, April 14.—Baby Franklin Seals, the well known comedian and composer of the "Baby Seal's Blues," and other successes, is at the Lincoln theatre here and is a great hit. Mr. Seals is a decided attraction and is drawing great crowds. Mr. Seals has written four new songs which he will publish shortly.

WANTED PARTY WITH CAPITAL TO BACK ME IN A COMPANY WITH MY NEW PLAY, ENTITLED "ALICE'S VISIT TO FRIENDS IN KENTUCKY.

The first two acts are scenes layed in Kentucky, the two last acts are of scenes in Africa. Alice becomes the Queen of Africa, when the Canabal King of Boones falls in love with her. Martha Gray Cloud, the witch, puts a spell on the waters and all they who sail upon them can never return to their native land but must remain in the city near the Sun, always.

The writer of the play has a copyright and will either let the play on royalty and travel with company or prefers a company of his own. Address Mrs. Gertrude Hicks, 1808 Douglas street, R. R. 11, Rockford, Ill.

Read The Freeman offer on page 4 of this issue.

Chicago Weekly Review

By Sylvester Russell.

THE EMERGENCY FUND BENEFIT

To Be a Notable Event at Pekin Theatre Friday Matinee, April 23 —Seats Selling Fast.

The best proof that the Emergency Fund Benefit will be an overwhelming success is indicated from the fact that box seats in particular have been secured ahead in larger numbers than orchestra seats. The subscription advance sale of seats is still going on, and the Pekin Theater box office will be open every day from 3:30 to 5 p. m. until Friday afternoon, April 23, the day of the performance. It is evident from the outlook that many society ladies have procured checks from their hubands and have planned a day off in order to attend the Pekin matinee benefit and then go elsewhere in the evening.

People who desire good seats had best purchase them early, as the house is expected to be sold out.

Mrs. Leon Bromell heads the latest list of society ladies to be published in the subscription review. Her order was for four loggia box seats. There will also be a theater party present to hear Miss Betteola Footson recite Sylvester Russell's "The Wandering Albatross," which is to be given away in pamphlet form containing a picture of the author. Frank P. George, the society actor of "Danabegay" fame, was called up by phone last Sunday to see if he and George L. Cook, the tragedian, had agreed upon the Mansfield version of "Dr. Jenkyl and Mr. Hyde" or that of Robert Louis Stevenson. Kennett Imp of Satan, Lucretia Knox Mitchell, opera singer, and a host of vaudeville stars, including Prof. W. L. Berry's Eighth Regiment Band in one of their New York successes, wil be on the bill. Frank and Maurice Salkin, of the Salkin enterprises, the first of the State street managers to engage seats, will be followed in line by others. The Chateau Garden managers will have a theater party and other cabaret managers and also performers are to buy tickets. George Holt has not been approached at this writing. It is intimated that he is a part owner of the Pekin Theater and will be sure to be present. Lucius C. Harper, of Fiske University, a member of the committee, will assist in the box office and a theater party of his alma mater, with ladies, will be present. Harry C. Jenkin, Jr., will be stage manager.

MILES HARRIS,
Hungarian Dulcimer and Xylophone Soloist, Who Will Appear.

CLARENCE JONES,
Conductor of the Symphony Orchestra.

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Manager Gibson Sends a Check.

Sylvester Russell:

Dear Sir—Enclosed you will find my postoffice order for one dollar, per your request for the Emergency Fund.

Hoping you success in this work, I am,

Yours truly,
JOHN T. GIBSON,
Gibson's New Standard Theater, Philadelphia, Pa.

Reply was as follows:

John T. Gibson:

Dear Sir—Your check for one dollar in aid of the Fund was thankfully received. Find a special seat ticket enclosed.

Yours gratefully,
SYLVESTER RUSSELL,
Manager.

Among other mail received were two letters, one from Cecil Watts, the actress with two children, who is in poor health, and Mrs. Saddler, who is caring for them. Other colored and white managers of colored theaters everywhere are expected to remit immediately to Sylvester Russell, Richlieu Cafe, 20 and 22 East Thirty-first street, Chicago, Ill.

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Popularity Contest Makes a Hit at the Grand—Charles Gilpin Artist of Last Week.

The popularity contest which opened last Monday night was a rival attraction. Five minutes was allotted to the five numbers. Andrew Tribble, in an all new monologue on newspaper service, made the hit of the evening. In one joke, he stated that newspaper men meddle with everybody's business, then publish it in the papers. The Abyssinia Trio in "Moon," with Io Maud Brown, the great mezzo, as soloist, caught the house. Brown & Pinkey got a big reception. Gaines & Brown did a good turn, and Montgomery & McClain took well in their familiar numbers. The white acts were Gray & Old Rose, who pleased in a handsomely costumed specialty, styled "In the Days of Grandpa," and science in tango dances. Frances Dyer's songs, which were all suitable, were a nice attractive artist and mezzo singer. Lloyd & Whitehouse, opera singers, gave good comedy and pleased in burlesque, and Tanspeel Sisters were musical artists who were good on exylophones. The last half of last week had Simms & Thompson, who returned popular in an act of much that was new. Gilpin & Wood in a comedy dramatic sketch, which showed Charles Gilpin to be quite a finished artist dramatically and a good comedian, and Miss Wood's charming presence, for she has improved, was the potent attraction. The Shattuck Quartet, W. R. Carter, J. R. Douglass, Silas Frazier and Sidney Williams, gave an abundance of pleasure in their farce comedy and singing sketch. The white acts were: De Halde & Edwards in their original dance of the Apaches, was perfection of art and dancing and contortion, and Rice. Bell and Baldwin, who fished in the Suwaunee River, with nice scenery, were fun-provoking acrobats.

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Tyler & Hubbard Sing Opera at the New Monogram.

Rosa Lee Tyler and Ivy Hubbard were the prime attraction at this house in vocal duets, in which their sweet voices blended in cultivated harmony, especially in the prison scene from Il Trovotore. Goodbar & Lewis, who have returned to the city, had a lively sketch in which Miss Lewis has improved, and her dancing was a decided feature. Ed Goodbar sang as usual with tenor vocal sweetness. Emma Freidrick, a soubret with a sweet voice, put her songs over in very good shape, and Braxton & Lewis two black-face knock-a-bout comedians, were funny enough in some places to furnish rare amusement.

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The Old Monogram Reopens in Vaudeville—Johnnie Woods, Ora Criswell and Arthur Allen Centralise in Mirth.

When the fine new doors of the old Monogram reopened last Monday evening it was evident that the people who filled the house got what they wanted, a good all-colored vaudeville show, and there was a lineup for the second performance, as in days of yore. The bill presented three star teams of established reputation. Johnnie Woods, with little Henry, was a prime funpoker. Ora Criswell and Laura Bailey, presenting Ora in a new girly-girly, was a real comedy attraction, and the piano songs and finish brought the team great credit. Arthur Allen and Jack Linger Wiggins returned as real creators of mirth, especially Allen's new bristles of comedy talk and harmonious strains in his violin specialty, because of being a trained musician, and Wiggins, who now has straight hair, danced as great as ever. Anna Overton, a fair singer, who needs training as an actress, sang rags of the lower South, etc.

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The Motion Picture Theaters.

The States Theater, of the Salkin enterprises, had a big matinee last week. Bailey's orchestra, with a new violinist, was well in evidence. The special pictures are: Saturday, April 17, "His Brother's Debt," and Sunday, April 18, "Hearts Exiled."

The Lincoln—There was a new orchestra placed in this house on last Monday, as Manager Maurice Salkin is bent on keeping to the fore. The photo plays are "Fate's Vengeance" on the 17th, and "Desert Breed" on the 18th.

The Phoenix—Manager Hammond's two houses are splendidly managed. Al Gaines, the popular local manager here, handles the crowds nicely. The special bill is "The Gilded Fool" on the 17th and "The Virginian" on the 18th.

The Fountain—Since Manager Hammond has placed a colored orchestra in this house there has been a larger patronage of the elite of the colored race in this section near Grand boulevard, and patrons go next door into the Chateau for refreshments.

The Pekin Theater, of the Mott estate, is the only house owned by colored management. W. H. Smith's management of the picture show has filled the house nightly. The box office will be open every day from 3:30 to 5 p. m. for the subscription advance sale of tickets for the Emergency Fund Benefit next Friday afternoon, April 23. "The Price of Crime" will be seen next Sunday night.

The Washington—This house is full continually. "The Black Box No. 3" and the "Girl Detective" serial will be shown on the 17th, and "The Lost Ledge" on the 18th. Manager Kaplan now greets his patrons with a smile.

The Atlas Theater at Forty-seventh street is still increasing in patronage as the neighborhood develops. The specials to come are "Trapped by a Camera" on the 17th, and "Lena Rivers" on the 18th.

The Cafes and Cabarets.

The beautiful Chateau Garden will be opened May 1, if the weather is fine. Harry H. Bozer, the proprietor, and Manager Sam D. Williams and Joseph R. Duckett, of the buffet, are enthusiastic over the outlook. The entertainers in the cafe are Ruth Belmont, George C. Hall and Eddie Gray. George Brown is pianist and Eulyssis Crosse is violinist.

The Elite Cafe No. 1 at Thirty-first street, where Henry "Teenan" Jones is in charge, is filled nightly. Sherman Blackwell is floor manager. The soloists are Caroline Boyd Lillison, Sallie Lee Johnston and Will Rivers. The orchestra consists of Oliver Perry, violinist; Prof. Tony Jackson, pianist, and Charles Gillian, trap drummer.

The Elite No. 2, State street near Thirty-fifth, where Art Cadozoe is in command, is well filled both in the upstairs dining cafe and lower concert hall. Will Able is floor manager. The soloists are Mary Ray, Elvira Johnston and Fritz Jeltz. Mr. Smiley is door tender.

The De Luxe cabaret is faring well. Messrs. Bottoms and Preer are maintaining a popular course of management. "China" Howard, formerly of Holts', is still in charge at the buffet. The entertainers are Ollie Powers, Lucille Hagerman and Ernest Smith. Charles C. Hill is pianist and Clarence Shaw is trap drummer.

Al Russell is much better since his illness before election day, due to a nervous breakdown.

Charles Young and Schiller Emerson are the popular entertainers in the grill room. Mr. Gordon, known as "Mexican Frank," has a nice set of waiters in his luxurious dining hall. Gordon's "guess" will be to be liberal to his press agent and become popular as well.

The Panama Cafe now has a concert enclosure for the soloists which is novel. Andrew Copeland, who is at present in charge of the contingent, has the following artists: Ethel James, Lola Wicks, Ethel Ridley and Octavia Walker. Oscar Holden is the pianist and orchestrion player. Isadore Levin, the proprietor, seems to be catering to the popular fancy.

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Stage Notes and Stroll News.

There will be a short stage review after the benefit is over.

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Mrs. Flora McKnight, of 3343 Wabash avenue, grandmother of Lawrence Hearde, departed from life last Tuesday week at the age of eighty-five.

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Jack Johnson's defeat rehearses the rumor that he was not interested in winning the fight and could have easily made it a draw. It is obviously intimated here that Jess Willard is an octoroon. I was once told by a white man, who whispered in Forbes' presence, that Harry Forbes, the fighter, was a Creole from New Orleans. It is estimated that today nearly one million negroes of this country are pure white in color.

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Seal-Ola for the hair and Seal's Clear Skin Cream are highly spoken of preparations made by Seals Toilet company, at 3315 South State street. Their advertisement appears elsewhere in this issue.

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The election of William Hale Thompson as Republican mayor of Chicago has met with popular approval, and it is generally believed that his administration will be a good one. He showed a lot of class in conducting his campaign. He did not humiliate himself to come in small, close contact to conquer, but rather allowed the people the choice to misconstrue the quality of his dignity and standard. Oscar De Priest, of whom I choose to speak for the good of himself and his race and because he must be congratulated as the first colored Alderman ever elected in Chicago, has a splendid field to do his race much good and do himself lasting honor if he is to cultivate the self-denial path by not soaring too far above the level of his people as an object-blessing.

RINGLING BROS. ANNEX BAND.

Roster of Ringling Bros.' Annex Band for season of 1915: Prof. R. Roy Pope, director; Preston Duncan, assistant director; Mrs. E. Ruth Pope, saxaphone soloist; I. Patterson, C. Davis, cornets; P. A. Venable, baritone; Ted Morton, tuba; John and Harry Mitchell, dums; A. Jackson and B. Palmer, melophones; W. Smith and W. Hinson, trombones. Each one of these musicians are first-class and, as has always been the rule on the Ringling show, these people are also first-class in their deportment, receiving praise everywhere for this, which only goes to show that the circus life is not as some narrow-minded people deem it, low and degrading, but strictly a business proposition of high standard and elevating to the Negro musician. The tent season opens at Zanesville, Ohio, east to Atlantic coast as far north as Boston, Mass., and then they start westward, taking in all of California and a six weeks' stay in San Francisco, where we shall all have a day at the World's Fair. Regards to all.

GRAY & DUNLOP GREAT FAVORITES AT PHILADELPHIA.

Make Great Hit on an All-Star Bill.

Special to The Freeman.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 12.—Big favorites at the Standard in Philadelphia, String Beans and Sweetie May and Gray and Dunlop are held over at the Standard. Mr. String Beans, in the past, has borne the reputation of being suggestive. He is now in his fourth engagement and each engagement has meant three weeks at one time and a different act each week; and there has not been one joke or line that we have had to ask him to eliminate. Every act that he has done has been a knock-out. Gray and Dunlop in a novelty singing, talking and dancing act, captivated the audience at once. The novel part of this act is when Mr. Gray, with his wonderful resonant bass voice, changes from low comedy dialogue to a classic number and sings "When the Bells Ring Ding Dong." Next came his charming little partner. The audience seemed to never tire of seeing her in her beautiful costumes, singing "In the Town Where I was Born." She deserves much credit for her snappy way of feeding her partner as a straight.

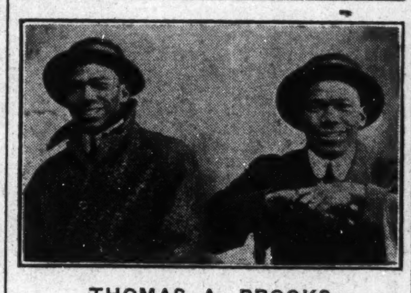
NOTES OF SAM RUSSELL STOCK CO.

After six successful weeks in the city of Houston, will open, Monday, April 12th, at the Park Theatre, Dallas, Texas, with a return date to follow. Our staff is as follows: Sam Russell, manager and principal comedian; Ed Lemmons Johnson, comedian; Anna May Fritz, soubrette; Walton Scott and Walton Trio. Mr. Russel wants a good sister team to write. All mail will reach this company at Park Theatre, Dallas, Texas, Central Track. E. D. Lee's Creole Belles open Monday, April 12th, at Houston, Texas. We all hope for them a speedy success.

THOMAS A. BROOKS A HIT WITH FROLIQUES OF 1914.

And Also the Sliding Billy Watson Show—Both White Companies.

Thomas A. Brooks, the well-known singing and dancing comedian, who was under contract with Hurtig & Seamons for over eight years, is now placed with "The Froliques of 1914," a white burlesque company and has been since January. "The Froliques" has been playing in southern territory. Not caring to play the extreme South, Mr. Brooks returned and was placed with the "Sliding Billy Watson" company, one of the fastest shows on the Columbia main circuit. The company is now playing in the West., and will play in Hurtig & Seamons' theater, in New York City the week of June 7. On Saturday, June 12, the show will close. Mr. Brooks is considering the S. H. Dudley circuit after his season with the show.



THOMAS A. BROOKS
A Successful Artist With White Organizations.

NEW YORK NEWS.

(By Billy E. Jones.)

Wilson & Wilson are at the Fulton Theater, Brooklyn.

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Biller & Lyles are at the Royal Theater, Bronx, N. Y.

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Cooper & Smith are at the Keith Theater, Toledo, Ohio.

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Cooke & Stevens are at the Orpheum Theater, Ogden, Utah.

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Johnson & Deane are at the Empress Theater, Seattle, Wash.

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Moss & Frey are at the Babcock Theater, Billings, Mont.

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Howard & Mason are at the Pantages Theater, San Diego, Cal.

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Marshall & Crumbley are at the Harris Theater, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Moore & Jenkins are at the Orpheum Theater, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Brooks & Bowen are at the William Penn Theater, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Coates, Keane & Johnson are at the Majestic Theater, Kalamazoo, Mich.

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The Lafayette Theater is presenting good vaudeville and photo plays. This is a popular house.

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Will Marion Cook is rehearsing a big colored act to be presented at the Alhambra Theater, London, for two months.

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Crumbley & Gilliam, the tramp comedians, are now working together as a team. The act went big at Lafayette last week.

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Mr. H. H. Ham, well known in the profession, is now proprietor of a barber shop at 110 Rochester avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Carita Day is back in Chicago. She did not succeed in making it in New York after her tryout. But it was no fault of Miss Day.

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At the Crescent Cafe, Kid Griffen manager, Miss Mildred Creed and Tiny Ray are the entertainers, with Robert Lee at the piano.

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The Wilson dairy lunch serves special chicken dinners Thursdays and Sundays. It is located at 2229 Fifth avenue, formerly The Southern.

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J. Lubric Hill is writing some new songs for the Shuberts to be used in a new production to be put on at the Winter Garden, New York City.

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Special music every evening at the Diggs Cafe, 118 West One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, formerly of 336 West Thirty-seventh street, New York.

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At The Reno, 454 Seventh avenue, New York, music and dancing are featured. The chili con carne parlor is a novelty. Don't forget to visit this place when in New York.

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Billy E. Jones is scoring a big success with the song hits, "There's a Little Spark of Love Still Burning," "Don't Take My Darling Boy Away," and "Runaway June."

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At the Phinizee dining rooms, 24 West One Hundred and Thirty-third street, there is music every evening, to the delight of its patrons. First-class meals are served, the best in the city.

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At the Barron Astoria Cafe, 2275 Seventh avenue, the entertainers in the cabaret show are Miss Cora Green, Henlen Burke and Tony Donovan. At the piano and drums are Mike Jackson and H. Elliott.

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Williams & Stevens' new show called "The Richest Coon in Georgia," opened last week at Putnam, Conn. Week of April 12, Clairmont, N. H.; April 13, Woodsville; April 14, St. Johnsburg. They have a brass band.

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Leroy's Cafe and Cabaret, corner of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street and Fifth avenue, are presenting some classy entertainers for their patrons, namely, Ethel Brown and Virginia Johnson, from 3:30 to 1 a. m. Thomas Simmons is pianist.

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Mr. Tom Diggs, formerly of 336 West Thirty-seventh street, is now located at 48 West One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street. The patrons enjoy the late popular music. Fine line of wines and liquors is always on hand. A visit will convince you.

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Don't forget, when in New York, to visit the Snug Hotel, 2120 Madison avenue. Big cabaret show every evening. It is one of the best and most popular places in Harlem. Due courtesy to all. Under the management of Mr. Louis Worrell.

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The Phinizee Hotel, 24 West One Hundred and Thirty-third street, New York, with first-class music and dining rooms, is one of the best in Harlem. When in New York, don't forget to call. Catering to first-class trade and the profession in general.

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The patrons are entertained nightly at the Snug Hotel, 2120 Madison avenue, New York, with the pleasing entertainers at the cabaret show. This is one of the popular places in Harlem, with first-class dining room and cafe. Louis Worrell, manager, is popular with the Harlemites.

LYRIC THEATRE, NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

Week of April 12-15—The New York Follies have just closed two successful weeks here, playing to large houses each night. They really have some show. Mr. George Stamper and Miss Lula Lawson are a hit, featuring all the latest dances. This week Martin & Motley's Merrymakers are appearing here. They have a company composed of twelve all-star performers. Some class. Last but not least is our superb orchestra, composed of three real musicians, as follows: Mr. Earl Walton, first violin; Daniel L. Wilson, piano, and J. Frank Wagner, trap drummer. They render all of the latest selections, and are really going big every night. Wagner, our little trap drummer, wishes to be remembered to William Green, Charles J. Harris and George Platt, and says for them to please write him some time. Hello "Mabel D!" Mrs. Dixon, our manager, is all smiles. She is living in her beautiful home at 2600 Warwick avenue. She says "hello" to Berry & Washington. Everything here is running all O. K. All send best wishes to all in and out of the profession. Address all mail to We Us Hotel, Newport News, Va.

WANTED AT ONCE

To hear from manager of plantation show with good tent and company of twelve or fourteen people with six or seven piece band. Can place you for the summer. No traveling. Write at once for particulars. Lew Payton, 36 Favor street, Rochester, N. Y.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Polly Palmer, of Toledo, Ohio, at 29 South Erie street, would like to know the whereabouts of her brother, "Dan" Palmer.

GO TO THE BIG FAIR.

Go to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition free. You can go for The Freeman will send any male or female over 16 years of age and give them $25 expense money should they care to get in The Freeman contest. To get in the contest you can write the Freeman Contest Editor.

BILLIE HOOPER AND HOCK BONES MATCHED—ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Billie Hooper and Hock Bones are matched to box ten rounds at Flag Athletic Club, Charleston, S. C., April 27. Keep your eyes on this boy Hooper, or he will steal you, Billie, boxing with K. O. Brown for his ten round fight Thursday night at Bijou Theatre with Leo Houck.

SLIM MASON STAGE MANAGER OF BARNUM & BAILEY BIG SHOW.

Show To Open April 25, at Philadelphia.

Special to The Freeman:

NEW YORK, April 15.—Slim Mason, the leading comedian and stage manager with the Barnum & Bailey great shows, has arrived here and has been appearing at the Madison Square Garden and will open at Philadelphia, Pa., the week of the 26th. Regards to P. G. Lowery, James A. Haris and all friends.

NOTICE TO PERFORMERS.

Persons having trunks or parcels left with Mrs. Wagner, of Indianapolis, for board and rooming are hereby notified that the same will be sold if the owners are not heard from within the next few weeks.

WANTED—Position. Reliable moving picture operator. Can operate latest makes of machines. Will locate anywhere. W. B. Graves, 3347 Wabash avenue, Chicago, Ill.

NOTICE TO PERFORMERS.

When in Indianapolis stop at Madam Lizzie Holden's, 446 Indiana avenue. Neatly furnished room for light housekeeping, with modern improvements.

Colored people join movies. Wanted to list in 1915 directory. Our booklet, 25 cents. Emporium Studio, Lake Geneva, Wis.

ROUTE.

Smart Set Co., with Salem Tutt Whitney—Standard Theatre, Philadelphia, Pa., week of April 19.

Richard and Pringle Minstrels—Buena Vista, Colo., April 19; Salida, 20; Canon City, 21; Florence, 22; Lamar, 23; Las Animas, 24.

Al' G. Fields' Minstrels—Marshalltown, Iowa, April 19; Waterloo, 20; Moline, Ill., 21; Burlington, Iowa, 22; Quincy, Ill., 23; Keokuk, Iowa, 24.

LETTER LIST.

Gentlemen's List.

Austin, George.
The Great Adams
Anderson, Rastus.
Bryant, Wm.
Banks, Charles
Baker, Lawrence
Byrd, George
Cook, Sam.
Collins, Eldridge.
Cole & Cole
Cooper, Jack
Carter, Paul
Carr, Prof. J. E.
Depps, Louis B.
English, J. A.
English, Chas.
Elliott, Max C.
Fansel, Frank
Farrell, Ed
Hawkins, Chub
Hull, D. R.
Holmes, J. L.
Hutchinson, Frank
Jones, Sr., Arthur
Jackson, W. J.
Jones, Archie
Jones, Johnnie.
Kemp, Albert
King, Frank
King, Phillips
Lee, William.
Lee, Lawrence
LaRue, Chas.
Mores, J. Francis
Miles, Ray
Owens, J. H.
Pope, Tedd.
Robinson, Erb
Reed, Samuel E.
Redmond, Ralph
Pernot, Draman
Russell, Bob
Smith, Bert.
Shackelford, Jas.
Thompson, Jack.
Turner Melvin (Kid)
Tolliver, Alex.
Veal, Marcus
Washington, H. B.
Woodson, Wm. L.
White, Zephenia
Williams, Issic
Winfrey, Claude
Wright, Abe
Watts Bros.
White, R. C.
Wallace, R. T.

Ladies' List.

Beadles, Sadie
Bradford, Miss Mary
Burton, India
Bromley, Helen
Cooksey, Susie
Carter, Edna
Edwards, Nettie
Hicks, Mary
Hayes, Ella
Howard, Lillian
Jennings, Mrs. Elsie
Johnson, Eloise
LaVine, Louise
Latham, Mrs. F. C.
Mack, Baby
McMahon, Mrs. Trabee
Neilson, Lucile
Stevens, Lillie
Thompson, Lizzie
Tolliver, Maybelle
VanClay, Elizabeth
Wells, Emma

New Crown Garden
Good Show House
Has Been and will be Open
Tim E. Owsley, Manager

The Trinidad Street Air Dome!
Invites You to their Grand Opening, Monday Eve., April 19
Everything new and is well lighted An ideal place to spend an evening for ladies, children and gentlemen.
Chas. Wiley, Mgr., Dallas, Texas

WANTED AT ONCE
To Hear from Managers of Plantation Shows
With good tent and a company of 12 or 14 people, with 6 or 7 piece band. Can place you for the summer. No traveling. Write at once for particulars. Address
LEW PAYTON
36 Favor Street Rochester, N. Y.

WANTED!
FOR
Monogram Theatre!
228 Pine St.,
Cambridge, Md.
Big Stock Companies
And Good Road Shows
Only colored Theatre in Cambridge, with 2,500 to draw from. I'll place tickets anywhere in U. S. to right parties. Seating capacity 900. Week of April 12, New York Follies. Pete Porter, Ray Miles, Billy King write. Important news. Address
Arthur E. Benjamin
Cambridge, Md.

Stop! Look!
WANTED!
First class Stock and vaudeville people. Must be able to do plays from manuscript. None but experienced Stock people need apply. Long engagement to right people. Address J. W. Coulter, Mgr. Hippodrome Theatre, or Billy Henderson, Amusement Director. State all in first letter.
Hippodrome Theatre
2d and Leigh Streets Richmond, Virginia

Seen and Heard while Passing

By Salem Tutt Whitney
With the Smart Set Co.

Supplication.

Lead gently Lord and slow,
For oh my steps are weak;
I know not where I go,
I know not what I seek.

My eyes with doubt are dim,
I cannot see Thy face.
My heart is foul with sin,
O cleanse it by Thy grace.

Temptations strew my way,
And oh they seem so sweet;
Lord! help me from them stay,
Give me strength each one to meet.

My faith dear Lord is weak,
Stretch forth Thy hand and save
Me e'er I perish; speak!
I sink beneath the wave.

I struggle in a slough
Of hearsay, doubt and fear;
Teach me that I may know;
My clouded vision clear.

Instruct me how to use
The talents Thou hast giv'n;
And grant I may not lose
My way from earth to heaven.
—S. T. W.

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"We want novelty acts of all kinds. Too much song and dance. Our patrons tire of the monotony. This is the cry of managers of colored vaudeville houses the country over.

There are more good colored novelty acts than one would think without stopping to count them. And these novelty artists claim there is no real market for their acts. That managers do not want to pay them a good living price. That they are compelled to lay off more than any other class of vaudevillians. New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Chicago and Indianapolis are about the only cities where a novelty artist receives a sufficient salary to justify the equipping of a first class act.

Jugglers, bicyclists, magicians, wire walkers, trapeze performers, musical and animal acts of any consequence are forced to carry excess baggage. There is a constant wear and tear upon their stuff. They are forced to use perishable properties at each performance, animals must be fed and have a caretaker. Novelty artists claim that these important items of expense are given no consideration by the majority of managers who expect them to compete in salary with the comedy song and dance artists whose only necessary impediments are an ancient pair of shoes, a young hat, a misfit suit, a rub of makeup and a patented smile.

Other vaudeville artists who attempt something clean and classy somewhat apart from the general trend, receive very little encouragement from most managers if their act happens not to appeal to the gallery gods. It is impossible to raise the standard of colored vaudeville if the artists are compelled to cater to those in an audience whose senses of appreciation have not been cultivated enough to approve of legitimate acting without comedy and cultivated singing without ragtime syncopation.

A great actress had just finished a scene with her leading man, and they were greeted with loud applause.

"We caught them," exclaimed the man jubilantly.

"Not yet," said the great artist, "the applause did not come from the right portion of the house."

R. W. Thompson, president of the National Negro Press Association, invited your correspondent to attend a session of the famous Mu-So-Lit club of Washington, D. C. Mu-So-Lit, is an abbreviated way of saying Musical, Social and Literary. All these features are well represented within the club. In fact there are enough intelligence, wit and influence in the Mu-So-Lit to stock several ordinary cities. It enumerators upon its personnel men of national reputation, musical and literary geniuses. In the Mu-So-Lit club one may mingle and fraternize with such distinguished men as Judge Terril, Prof. Kelly Miller, Major Brooks, Dr. Curtis and like kind. The Mu-So-Lit is not only cosmopolitan, but democratic. Members from whatever part of the country or social ,opilitac or intellectual standing, drop all prefixes and affixes from their names and become plain Jeems, John, George or Bill when they enter the door of the club room. Movements of world wide interest have their germination in the Mu-So-Lit. When we arrived at the club the social part of the program had just been completed and there was an animated controversy going on as to whether or not the members should be assessed $2 or $5 per capita for a biennial function to entertain the ladies. The utmost good humor prevailed and the cross fire sallies were witty and amusing. Wherever or whenever the function takes place or occurs, the ladies in attendance are certain to be handsomely and sufficiently entertained.

The Griffin sisters, not long since the greatest drawing cards in colored vaudeville, are living in a handsome flat, Ninth street, N. W., Washington, D. C. They have retired from active work upon the stage and are promoting colored theaters in various cities. Lately they have acquired the Fairyland in Washington and are making extensive arrangements to open a first class airdome in the same city, making three theatres controlled by the sisters in the capitol, the Majestic, the Fairyland and the Griffin Airdome. They are also negotiating for houses in Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Mrs. Katherine Bounaugh, who keeps the one first class boarding and rooming house for theatrical folk, would like to hear from Glen and Brogsdale, Braxton and Nugent, Rockpile of Buster and Rockpile, and Sanford and Sanford, Galveston, Tex. Mrs. Baunaugh's house is just one block from the Howard theatre. It is bright and cheerful. Bath, hot and cold water, fine beds and excellent table service. 1928 Sixth street, N. W.

Mrs. Dodson, 1817 Fourth avenue, Washington, D. C., entertained several members of the company at a reception Thursday evening, including F. Jackson, O. D. Carter, Will Dixon, Greensbury Holmes, Helen Clinton, Carrie King, Pauline Parker and Ethel Marshall.

Miss Hattie Akers, one of the stars of the Smart Set company, entertained the other principals at a delightful dinner party given at the home of her mother. A feature of the entertainment was the piano playing of Prof. Carter, a blind boy. He is a graduate of Howard university in music and theology. Prof. Carter plays from all the old masters with true artistic temperament and faultless execution.

A whist tournament was held at the home of Doctor Ross, 906 Elm street, N. W., between Doctor Ross, house physician and trombonist at the Howard, Andrew Thomas, owner of the Howard; J. Homer Tutt, and yours truly. A dainty lunch was served by the doctor's wife after which the contest took place and was finally decided in favor of the Smart Setters. Out of consideration for our opponents's feelings we will not give the score. This was the third annual contest with honors resting lightly upon the shoulders of the Smart Set contingent each time.

"His Excellency The President," drew full houses to the Howard all of Easter week, and pleased immensely. Judge Terrill pronounced it the best colored show that ever played in Washington, D. C.

STAGE NOTES.

Little Odessa Schaffer joined Littlejohn's United Shows April 5.

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The Clark's Stock Company is drawing big crowds at the Dunbar theatre, Columbus, O.

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Richard and Pringle's minstrel won the prize by engaging P. G. Lowery as band director.

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James White and Walter Watkins are at the Temple theatre, Galt, Ont., week of April 12 to 17.

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William Wilson is in bed very sick with pneumonia, at 818 Red street, Wilmington, N. C. He wishes to hear from Anita Ramsey at once.

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Miss Carrie Gilbert is filling an engagement at the Dunbar theatre, Columbus, O., taking the principal part in Manager Clark's stock company.

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Miss Lenora M. Scott has given up her residence in Norfolk and returned to her home in Winston-Salem, N. C., to remain by the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Emma Wright, who is very ill.

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Thomas Melton, the tramp musician, is now playing violin in the Hippodrome theatre orchestra, Richmond, Va. ,and has been here three months. He may be seen in vaudeville later, as he is writing a new act.

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E. Alfred Drew, juggling Jester and Slack Wire Artist, is still a feature attraction with the J. C. O'Brien's Georgia Minstrel show, introducing twelve to fourteen minutes' novel and eccentric juggling; also a high class slack wire act skillfully done. Now in the state of Mississippi.

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The Whitemore Georgia Stars, a colored show, plays week of April 12th, in Still Pond, Md. The little company is doing a nice business, playing at week stands. We have seven people: Mose Cary, stage manager; Johnnie Ridout, piano; Joe E. Moody, drums; Shelby Potter, Johnny Ballard, Little Bessie Wilson, Miss Lillian Smith.

NOTES FROM THE DAMON'S MUSICAL COMEDY.

(By Harry J. Earle.)

Just finished dates in Oconto Falls and Oconto, Wis. We are now playing the Empire at Two Rivers, Wis., one of the finest theatres north of Milwaukee. Everything modern and update. Playing to capacity houses on opening nights. Our show is going fine. Prof. Damon is always pronounced the wizard of the Bow Clare: and Mont is fooling 'em nightly in female impersonations. While H. J. Earle, as the fun distributor is always there.

Dora Brown, the little sunbeam, is on the sick list, but all hope for a speedy recovery. "Bit" is there with the jolly goods.

The show is enroute into Illinois, so watch for us. The attraction of merit. Good singing and dancing soubrette, write, care Freeman.

Best wishes to all. Manzie Campbell, they are still talking about your drum here. Keep it up. But how old are you? Ask Bennie Jones.

ROGERS GREATER SHOWS.

Rogers Greater Shows played Rock Hill, S. C., two weeks and the first week did considerable business. Little Jimmy Anderson went so high in the balloon on Monday, March 29, that he brought snow back on Tuesday. Business was dull for a while, but we have pulled through the winter with fine shows and fair business. Jack Pittes has had the house screaming singing parodies on "You Never Know What a Good Fellow I Am Until I Am Gone." Frank Mass can turn some people in front of the show, and Mrs. Frank Scalf is still secretary, and Bill Bard is agent. Say Johnnie Carothers, from Nashville, Tenn., is getting a good round of applause singing "Million Dollar Doll." John Malloy and Mrs. Carter Lockhart paid us a visit from European shows. Lockhart is the stage manager and don't you know, S. W. Meeks is making good with his bass violin, and wishes to hear from E. N. Collway. Say, I would like to hear from George Walter and Tom Hamptolen, at West Baden, Ind., and all of my friends. Sam Reynolds, enroute from Rock Hill, S. C., to Newport, Tenn. Miss Annie Bell stopped off to see her mother in Meiron, S. C., to Newport in their auto, and they had not arrived Wednesday.

WHAT'S WHAT ON THE S. H. DUDLEY CIRCUIT—WEEK OF APRIL 12, 1915.

Washington, D. C.

S. H. Dudley Theatre—Pennell & Holden; Bobbie Diggs.

Howard Theatre—Floyd & Jackson; Robinson & Green; Margaret Scott; Stevens & Stevens.

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Baltimore, Md.

Lincoln Theatre—Simmons & Wilson.

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Richmond, Va.

Hippodrome Theatre—Dick & Struffin; Yager De Lor & Dandy.

Dixie Theatre—Emmett Anthony.

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Roanoke, Va.

Boston Theatre—Daniels & Wiggins; Emma Michaels.

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Danville, Va.

Columbia Theatre—King and Marshall.

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Philadelphia, Pa.

New Standard Theatre—Harris & Turner; Edwards & Hardee.

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Pittsburg, Pa.

Star Theatre—Buster & Bailey; Bradford & Jeanette.

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East Liberty, Pa.

Lincoln Theatre—Johnson & Johnson.

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Indianapolis, Ind.

Crown Garden Theatre—The Goodlettes; other acts.

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Louisville, Ky.

Ruby Theatre—Chestnut & Brown.

NOTES FROM A. G. ALLEN'S MINSTRELS.

(By Chas. Hervey.)

We are still in the state of Texas doing good business.

We had the pleasure of meeting the Virginia minstrels in Lufkin, Texas. The bunch had a nice time together.

There will be a lot of new faces seen with us this season. W. R. Earl is now organizing his ball team for the season. He pitched a splendid game for the Virginia minstrels against the Lufkin team. He held them to five scratch hits. Score 5 to 4 in favor of the Lufkin team.

Charlie Hervey, cornetest, joined us in Lufkin, Tex., and he is playing a solo cornet. Jenkins and Brooks are back with us again after playing two months in vaudeville. They send regards to Sam Russell Stock Company. Jenkins sends regards to Walter Jenkins and Rastus Boots.

The only and original Happy Howe (Arthur Howe), Charlie Hervey, Arthur Cox and wife, Chas. Laundine all joined us in Lufkin, Tex. Wm. Wright, D. A. Gibbs, Churchill and Churchill, Jenkins and Brook, W. R. Earl, A. Howe and Little Chocolate Perdue now compose the company.

GIBSON'S NEW STANDARD THEATRE, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

An Easter bill of vaudeville quite up to the high standard which the Gibson's New Standard theatre has set for itself was offered this week—The reception given Gray and Dunlop was right royal, as might be expected when a treat eagerly expected more than fulfills the joys it promises. This act includes musical comedy, songs in costume and dancing, and say, one who has seen it once can only feel delighted to sit and watch and to listen to it again. Gray is a lively entertainer and Miss Dunlop's songs require vocal powers of exceptional quality in which she reveals a real gift, and that with her pleasing personality, grace and winsomeness will surely make her a celebrity in her line. They soon become favorites of the audience, and were really the headliners for the week. Stringbeans and Sweetie May in their new skit "Educational of Ignorance," pleased as usual. The Silivonians, rapid and daring trapeze performers, presented a picturesque act that was full of life and vitality. The 20th Century Trio in a musical and singing act, gave entertainment and especially pleased with some of the newer songs of the day, while they were skillful on the mandolin, guitar and bass viol. Richards and Towell, with chatter and songs, helped to divert attention. Gertie LeClair and Picks featuring the Claybrooks, singers and dancers. There were many musical numbers of a pleasing sort and numerous dances, which had new features, while there were many turns by the comedians which evoked applause. Manager Gibson who is always to the front has purchased and installed in his theatre a 1915 Simplex machine from the firm of Williams, Brown and Earl. This is the first picture machine of its kind in the city. Nothing is too good for the Standard. Week of April 19th, "The Smart Set."

RICHARD AND PRINGLE'S MINSTRELS.

We will soon be in Kansas and the boys are expecting great times in that state, where they can see more of their colored friends.

On March 25 the entire company was entertained at Monte Vesta, Colo., by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harris, 526 Franklin street, at 2 p. m. That was the first time the whole company was ever invited out to luncheon. Mr. and Mrs. Harris own a very beautiful home in Monte Vesta and are well thought of by the other race, and we are very proud of them ourselves and wish them success.

Mr. Harris, David Smith and Ed. Tooliver have been friends for quite a few years.

Mr. Wm. Israel is still playing all the tuba that is needed for our band.

Mr. John A. Watts is still singing "Silver Threads Among the Gold," and his health is very good.

Ed Carr is making good on his trombone.

BRAXTON AND NUGENT, THE SEASON'S HIT.

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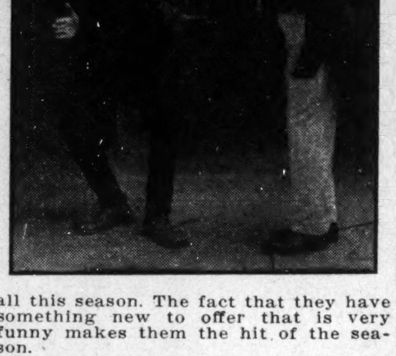

They appear on the stage as two coal men and their dialogue is true and funny to life that they really are a scream. They are at the Monogram theatre, Chicago, this week, where they are a riot. These two young men are naturally funny and are the nearest approach to Bert A. Williams and the late George W. Walker as artists of real merit.

HUNTINGTON'S MINSTRELS.

(Pearl Moppin)

We are still in Arkansas and the show is running smoothly. Ernest Watts met with a painful accident at Wheatley by shooting himself in the hand with a blank cartridge. He is singing with great success in our noonday concert Mississippi Cabaret, and is ably assisted by Jolly Davis, "Sweet Papa Snowball," with his artistic hat and cane manipulations.

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Mr. and Mrs. Huntington were out to the ball game in their auto on Tuesday. On Wednesday he had our ladies out motoring and drove to the ball park again to witness our second game in Des Arc. We won both of the games. Score 12-2 and 11-9. Have played six games this season and won all of them. Have a good team here, so look out shows and teams along our route.

A. J. McFarland, catcher and captain; Sullivan Jackson, pitcher and second base; J. H. Doyle, first base; Jolly Davis, second base and pitcher; Pearl Moppin, shortstop; William Saddler, third base; Fred Jenkins, right field; Ed Robinson, centerfield and pitcher; Sylvester Bevard, left field; Ernest Watts, third base; Rastus Lee, substitute; Rufus Wiggs, umpire. Look out for the mighty.

SEYMOUR JAMES WRITES FROM THE DIXIE MINSTRELS AT YERINGTON, NEVADA.

The Dixies are in their second week in the state of Nevada, where business is good. This company is headed toward San Francisco, Cal., where we will play eight weeks at the Wingram theatre.

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Our show is a screamer with Wm. Dewey, stage manager, onr band of ten pieces gives them all the Eagle Rock around the court house square at their daily concert. And we have some six-piece orchestra, too, Mrs. Hattie McGreagor is singing "Down in Chattanooga," and winning great applause. Miss Lucille McGinty is leaving them spellbound with the "Low Down Blues." Miss Jessie Love gets her share with "Just For Tonight." Miss Catherine Scott sings "That Locomotor Roll." She is some coon shouter. Wm. Hudson, wooden shoe dancer, is with us. Kid Clark and Harrison Chism, our extreme end men, are the finest ever.

The roster of the band is as follows: W. S. Jenkins, cornet; E. Simpson, cornet; C. Dudley, clarinet; John Marsh-Wallace, trombone; D. Gillon, bass; E. all, alto; C. Vancleve, alto trombone; R. Green, snare drum; J. Jeator, bass drum.

HOLLOWAY WRITES FROM THE NO. 2 J. C. O'BRIEN'S FAMOUS GEORGIA MINSTRELS.

We are now in Alabama, where the sun is shining bright and we are also playing to packed houses.

Our first part is arranged as follows: Scott and Barns extreme end; Riley and McClean, second end; McKennie and Crawford, third end, and all funny fellows who certainly hold things down.

Mrs. Maggie Legere Motto is singing "Crying For You," with success. Mrs. Edith Nelson is cleaning with the song "At the Ball, That's All."

Mrs. Annie Lang is making them scream with the song ,"Who's Going to Be With You When I Am Gone Away."

Our small man with a big voice, Mack Carter, is screaming them with "I Ain't Got Nobody, Nobody Cares for Me."

Mysterious Hanah, our magician, is still with us. Drew Wire, jester, is still here with his big act.

The roster of the orchestra is as follows: Toney Barfield, bass; Albert Drivers, trombone; George Motto and D. Hull, second violin, Oscar Lowe, clarinet; L. Williams, cornet; John Clark, drums; C. A. Halloway, first violin and leader.

Our band is doing nicely.

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GREENSBORO, N. C., ITEMS.

The game of ball between Mary Potter School and Bennett College was won by Mary Potter. Score, 9 to 3. Batteries—Bennett: Hutton and Newsome; for Mary Potter: Red Russell and Brown. -- Mr. Harry Coltraine, manager of the Hays Sanitary Barber Shop, has been very sick. His many friends are glad to see the fat barber back at his post. -- The Bennett College team won from the Liviston College ball team at Salisbury on April 1st. Score, 5 to 2. Batteries: Haskin and Newsome, for Bennett. Coach Gilmer, of the Bennett ball team says that he has four games to play on this trip and he was going to bring three of them back, if not four. Several who have a grouch against the Bennett College ball team stormed the writer's place of business the day that the team lost to Mary Potter. It was quite amusing to see how happy some of them were. We are glad to know that something has turned up that gave them a little consolation, as they have not had a chance to rejoice for the last two or three years, as Bennett has certainly put it on them good and hard, not only in baseball but football as well. So come around again, boys. I am glad to see you at any old time. You all know that I am for Bennett first and last. -- Rev. Wm. Long had workmen fixing up the fence in front of his beautiful home on Macon street this week. -- Mr. Clarence Brown has resigned as manager of the Gilmer Barber Shop. -- Mr. Lewis Nelson, tailor, with the Mears Tailoring Company, left the city for a visit to relatives and friends in Savannah and other Georgia cities. -- Rev. G. H. W. Washington, pastor of East Market Street Baptist church, has moved from Mitchell street to Washington street. -- Don't forget that the Freeman, is always on file at Hays Barber Shop and that the game of baseball that is to be played between the A. & T. faculty and the city business men will be one of the best games of the season. -- From all reports Biddle was saved from one of the worst beatings that they ever had by rain in the first half of the third inning in the game of baseball with the Bennett College team at Charlotte, N. C., on the 3rd. Score, 5 to 0 in favor of Bennett. -- Mrs. Waugh Huffman was stricken speechless Sunday, the 5th, and is very sick. Her many friends are hoping for her a nearly recovery.--The big snow brought much sadness to the young ladies and gentlemen of the city, as it put a crimp in the big showing of their Easter "fronts." The writer was not bothered, as he had no "front" to show. -- The biggest game of ball of the season will be played Tuesday, the 6th, between the A. & T. and Bennett College teams. Much interest is manifested in this game. Coaches Gilmer and Jones say that their teems are going to win and by the time that this paper goes to press, we will know which one of these great teams is right. -- Mr. F. A. Toomer, a graduate of the Atlanta University and of the International College of Sanitary Science and Embalming, of Chicago, Ill., is now doing business in Greensboro. Prior to coming here he was in business in Chicago and Atlanta, respectively, and we are glad to have a young colored man of Mr. Toomer's caliber to locate in our city, as he adds much prestige to the business and social side. He is now the only licensed colored embalmer in the city and is business manager of the Afro-American Burial Association, of 922 East Market street, and we hope that our good citizens will call on him whenever they need anything in his line.

KENOSHA, WIS.

By P. R. Savilles.

Special to The Freeman.

The ball given by the Dunbar Social Club was reported as the swellest affair ever pulled off in Kenosha. There was plenty of refreshment and the music was the heart of the evening. The very best people of Kenosha were present at this affair. Racine has the honors of the ball for all the reading people knew when they heard of Dunbar they know it means their money's worth in attending. Some of the leading people from Milwaukee were present. Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Hall are to be complimented for their beautiful gowns, suitable for the occasion. The crowd could have been larger but that did not make the pleasure less and the management called taxies to see the people home and to the various depots and stations. The manager will now devote his time in the Dunbar baseball team and promises not to go down to defeat. They thank their many friends for attending.

Mrs. Worthington, of North Congress street, entertained her friends last week and they had a delightful time, as Mrs. Worthington is classed as one of the best cooks in the city.

Mrs. Hanna Harrison, of 824 Newell street, after a two weeks' illness, is able to be at her work again and Mr. Pernell and family are enjoying home cooking again and were glad to see Mrs. Harrison put in her appearance.

Mr. Charles Jordan has returned to the city after a stay of two years and was not in town two hours before he was working for Mr. Cooper, of the Cooper Underwear Company. It pays to be reliable.

The Royal Five of Kenosha are preparing to entertain their friends at a ball April 12.

The colored population of Kenosha has been fasting for forty days and laid away all their many games of pleasure and stayed at home in prayer until after Lent, as they are faithful Catholics. We are proud that we have true Catholic believers.

Mrs. Killerbrue, of 824 Newell street, entertained with an Easter social Sunday. There were twenty-four present and the evening was socially spent, with many important discussions, which was the feature of the evening. Easter egs were served and all enjoyed the celebration of Easter.

NOTES FROM BROWNVILLE, TENN.

On last Sunday, March 28, Union Lodge No. 26 held their fourth annual thanksgiving services at the First Baptist church and a very pleasing program was rendered in which some of Brownsville's best talent furnished the music. Songs and several interesting papers were read. Those who took active part in the program were H. A. Sloan, Mrs. J. R. Gloites, Prof. J. R. Gloites, Miss N. B. Whitlow, Mrs. L. Par, N. O. Bonds, Miss Berte Dixon, M. Johnson, J. M. Anthony, H. Hill, and all were good in their parts.

Mr. F. Shaw and Miss Verneda Walker were married Thursday, April 1, and it was a grand affair. See the Freeman next week. Read it and keep posted. Get it at James Crosby's.

GILMER, TEXAS.

Easter was a high day at the C. M. E. church. Sunday school had a very large attendance. Money raised for educational purposes, $1609. S. C. Field preached in the afternoon.

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THE FIGHT THAT FAILED.

Champ. Jack Bows to His Conqueror and Successor—Interesting Observations as They Concern the New Champion.

(By Billy Lewis.)

The fight that failed, that is, from the colored people's viewpoint, has been the uppermost topic of conversation in the country for the last few days. No similar event of modern times has called forth such publicity. Why this is true is a very long story if told in detail, and yet brief enough when summing it all up. No man of modern times, no matter what sphere he moved in, has had on him so persistently the spot light as Jack Johnson. It is doubtful if there has been a single day since his victory over Jeffries in 1910 but what his name has appeared in an article of comment or mention in some newspaper; no day but what he has been the topic of discussion among groups of men somewhere. It sounds exaggerated to say he was the most spectacular figure of latter days, yet it is true. The race question was injected. And as buoyant, jubilant and at the same time stoical as he was, he felt the prod of sentiment that opposed him.

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It is said that the ex-champ, after the fight at Havana said, "I guess they will leave me alone now." How like another individual of some two centuries ago does that sound. Perhaps he did not say it. More than likely he did say it. It was quite the natural thing to say. If he did not say it, then some one, nevertheless, has struck off his soul. Thoughtful, feeling, considerate persons can easily imagine that he said, "I guess they'll leave me alone." To give up, to be defeated was a relief.

In spite of Johnson's jovial, genial, I-don't-care nature he has winced "many a time and oft," owing to the fell circumstances, even if it did not cry aloud. One would think that he has fainted 'neath his cross more than once—his burden, and which was so plain that in the last days of his "passion" as it were, white men writers surrendered their prejudice in a way, and conceded that Johnson was a brutally hounded man. Those who have not kept up with this phase of his history will see something of this in what follows. One writer says:

"The black man has never been guilty of molesting anyone in America, and his famous trial in Chicago was a farce. He was convicted on the evidence of a woman whom he befriended, and who afterwards acknowledged she had been paid for her evidence."

Then again:

"Jackson came down to the wharf to see us off, and the big black presented a sad picture. He shook hands silently all around, and when Willard came down from an upper deck and grabbed both his hands, Jack choked up, and was on the verge of tears.

"'I'm the only one that can't go back,' he said and then he broke down, and turning, left the boat. He returned in a few minutes, and calling to Willard, said:

"'When you come to Europe, look me up.'"

From a woman writer:

"So when Jack Johnson entered the ring at Miramar yesterday, confident and assertive, I turned to the ringside boxes and saw the white girl who had bound up her life with that of the black—exiled by her own family, by her friends and by her country.

"She is a pretty girl, perhaps a little swagger because of the boulevards of Paris and the avenues of Buenos Aires, but nevertheless she is a woman with the feelings of a woman. And in her life's crisis her own sex must reach out the hand of understanding to her.

I hold no brief for her actions in the past. I am only telling of her looks as her partner in life went into the conflict that was to change him from champion of the world to one of the heroes of the past.

Every turn in the battle was followed by this twenty-two-year-old girl from the west. She wore the same smile that spread over the face of Johnson. Both took the battle as a jest. To them it was only another misguided white man added to the record of Jack."

One, we will think, should be interested and touched by the above. Here is demonstration of the fact that scorn and contempt had given away to pity and praise—the blending of the two, making for that fine moderation which so well becomes the subject. For after all she is a woman who feels to have placed her affections to where they belonged rather than where men should dictate. Mrs. Jack Johnson deserves more than passing notice. She is the nearest new Desdemona that the world has known. If she were indifferent in the beginning of their career as one, she grew more human as time advanced and, as the thorns of persecution pressed him sore. Her sovereignty of womanhood asserted itself—she carved for themselves and empire which the praises of men could not widen, nor could their condemnation make less.

Mrs. Johnson, white, was truer to her husband in his aims and ambitio than many of his own race. Many have cursed and raved, and still do so, because Johnson dared to marry a white woman. I do not endorse him, but I shall not fight him. When he can not exercise his own judgment in matters where the individual judgment should rule, then he is no man—just a thing. Many who fought Johnson on the marriage score expect mixed schools, mixed theaters, mixed hotels, they expect no segregation and the rest of it. These are convicted out of their own mouth. I would advise staying on our own side as things are properly considered—simply as a matter of expediency, friction is avoided. As a man, and a citizen, I claim every right. If I do not get them it is simply because I am not strong enough to take them.

"And in her life crisis her own sex must reach out the hand of understanding to her." How divine! and yet some of our own race would cast a stone. She has my sympathy, if it counts for anything. She has it like the unfortunate woman before her had it. The world was inclined to scoff when her life went out: those without her seemed to see something monstrous and hideous because of her relationship. It should have taught Mr. Johnson a lesson. Not that he should have shut up shop, but it should have made him [illegible] in the choice of his heart. If there is pride in the race, Johnson should have feared that a spectacle would have been made of him with another woman—another wife. He should have preferred none, if it meant abuse on his account.

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The colored people's faith in Johnson's ability was sublime, although many did not care for hihm personally owing to his conduct. But they wished the title of champion heavyweight to remain with the race. And it must be admitted that Johnson did cut up in the days of his greatest glory. He did many extravagant things that attracted unduly attention to him. He was drunk with power—success—"lest we forget." And he forgot. The race reaped what he sowed. None of us care for those antics. But with all his faults he is human and is responsible to none. I am for him, hoping he has sobered down sufficiently to know the value of dollars—man's best earthly friend in spite of the high moralizing otherwise. Take no chances. If he will he can live without raising hogs or turning farmer. He ought to have $50,000 at the lowest. If not that he has $30,000, his last "check." It is a fortune. If he is still riotous, spending like a lord, rushing through his money as if the flow were perpetual, he will round up in a Cul-de-sac—hemmed in on all sides, passing out as the individual of the greatest opportunity, but who drifted to obscurity and poverty by default.

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Johnson had faults and virtues. If the virtues did not reside in him he caused good. He gave class to the pugilistic business. Until he came most men passed up the game with a sneer. The value of being called the world's best man had not sunk in the consciousness of the many. The heavyweight championship reached its greatest value when it fell to Jack Johnson. Before that the game was more or less "clandestine." Men were fighting and flying sometimes. A set of men already know what it meant to be the world's best man, physically, the knowledge was not then contagious. Men grew serious after Reno. States and communities grew indulgent. Race was back of all this. The conclusion was that the race which furnished the best physical man was the best physical race. We drew the prize and because we are who we are the price increased in value right along. The proud Anglo-Saxon did not feel to capitulate to the "feeble" Ethiopion, which had so recently emerged from his chrysalis. Johnson's battle was mental and physical. The atmosphere of the fight was surcharged with opposition. "Vive le blanc!" said the Cubans, meaning long live the white, or success to the white man. The defeat will tend to reduce race friction—that's the cruel reflection. Think of it!

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It is said that the fight was fixed, that Johnson was paid to surrender his title after a brave show of defense. I do not think so. According to my way of thinking Willard was a man of great endurance by nature, just as that athlete seen at Keith's Opera House, Indianapolis, of last week. Great balls of iron were thrown up in the air; he caught them on his shoulders and back. One of those balls shook that immense auditorium when it fell to the floor. The pounding he received by the falling balls seemed beyond belief. There was some slight-of-hand, to be sure, but nevertheless, those mighty balls gathering speed in their descent deposited the weight somewhere. It was on the athlete's bare flesh, even if distributed in a way known to him.

If Willard was such a man Johnson could have been still pounding him. It is plain that he was such a man. His battling science was not respected. But the world did not seem to know of his power of endurance until the very eve of the fight. The tip went out, and men began to bet that if the go lasted twenty rounds Johnson was gone. This was on the theory of endurance. Watchful waiting was Willard's policy. If he were another "Achilles," the very fitting name of the opera house athlete I have referred to, he had already won before he entered the ring, provided Johnson beat him down in no vital spot. He was too tall for this—his face was reasonably secure. The rest of his body had been annealed—toughened to the hardest usage, I will say, and such as Jack Johnson had never dreamed of. In other words, Johnson battled against fate. His effort was sublime, and any other man than Jess Willard, or one similarly endowed and trained, would have fainted early in the fray.

This is my own version of the passing of Johnson, based on what happened and the quality of man necessary to undo him. Jess Willard was a eugenic man—made to order.

WILLARD EARNS BIG RING TITLE BY GAME BATTLE.

Giant Conqueror of Jack Johnson Should Prove Popular Champion.

(By Ray C. Pearson.)

After nearly seven years of domination by a member of the Negro race the sport of pugilism has once more come into its own and placed a white man on the world's heavyweight championship pedestal . The man who accepted the greatest opportunity that ever was offered any white fighter since the time of the memorable battle between John L. Sullivan and James J. Corbett at New Orleans on September 7, 1892, is Jess Willard, Kansas plainsman, who prefers the less dignified term of cowboy.

With Willard's victory in the ring closed by the race track at Havana, Cuba last Monday, there came the pugilistic demise of Jack Johnson, who for several years had ruled as the heavyweight king of the world. [illegible] wielded a padded mitt. In defeat no one can take away the credit that belongs to the black man [illegible] his accomplishments formed a record which will go down in the history of the sport as wonderful.

Johnson Only Negro Champion.

Johnson was the first Negro fighter ever to hold the world's championship, and to make his accomplishment more impressive he held the crown longer than any other titleholder since glove fighting came into vogue in the time of the famous John L. Sullivan. To be champion for nearly seven years even in these times of mediocre boxing material is some achievement. The honor of doing that belongs to Johnson alone.

Willard is deserving of all the praise that can be bestowed on him and there is no reason to doubt that he will get it. [illegible] solid by removing from the arena a Negro, but in doing that he brought to an end the reign of a fighter who by conduct outside the ring made himself one of the most unpopular champions the world ever has known.

Barred From United States.

There is no use in going into details as to why Johnson was unpopular, now that he has passed out of the limelight of boxing, except to say he is "in bad" to such an extent with the government that he dare not set foot on United States soil for fear of serving a sentence in a federal penitentiary.

So we'll let it go with "De mortuis nil nisi bonum," as far as Jack Johnson is concerned.

Jess Willard as champion promises to be popular, although those who know the game unwillingly concede that he does not possess the class of many of the titleholders before him. He is a clean cut, clean living giant, who has gained his spurs mainly by the great strength within his mammoth frame. As a boxer he far from classed with the Negro he dethroned in Havana. He lacks the speed of Johnson, and as a ring general he could not for a moment be compared with such men as Bob Fitzsimmons or Jim Jeffries.

Willard a Game Fighter.

But this big cowboy has one thing that is essential, and especially so in view of his lack of the other qualities. He has a stout heart and gameness is his middle name. He showed his gameness to the satisfaction of everybody last Monday, for few men have taken a lacing like that meted out by Johnson for twenty-two rounds without withering into defeat. Willard learned for the first time in his life what real punishment in a battle is, but never once did he show anything that indicated a quitting streak. He overcame all that the Negro had to offer by strength and a strong right handed punch and demonstration once more that youth must be served.

Nearly all of the ring experts in the country had doped out the battle along the proper lines before it was fought. They said that if the fight was a long one Johnson would surely be the loser, and that prediction was fulfilled. They figured that Johnson would set a hot early pace and deliver a world of punishment to his giant opponent. If Willard proved game and strong enough to assimilate that punishment without falling his chances of turning the tide and winning would be greatly increased, for the Negro, long past his prime would be sure to slow up and weaken. For twenty-two rounds the cowboy gamely stood the gaff, then he started to come, for age had started to tell on Johnson and he slowed up.

Wins When Johnson Weakens.

The moment Johnson began to weaken was the signal for the white man to make his spurt, and that is just what Willard did. He tore loose at the fastest speed he could make after taking the lacing he had received, and from that twenty-second round on to the finish, it was simply a matter of how long Johnson could survive.

There is an interesting feature in the method of attack employed by the new champion. He used only two punches throughout the entire fight and used them effectively, although the Negro by his cleverness made him miss with them often in the early rounds. Those punches were a straight left to the head and a right hand wallop to the heart.

While it is not known definitely just why Willard picked out this method of offense, it is pretty certain that a pair of Chicago friends were responsible for it. These friends are Harry Forbes, former bantam weight champion, and Kid Howard, who is conducting a boxing gymnasium. When Willard first landed in Chicago a few years ago, a crude, unknowing fighter, Forbes took an interest in him and spent a lot of time showing him the rudiments of the boxing game. Willard was an apt pupil and made good progress and Forbes predicted a great future for him.

On Sunday, the day before the battle which made Willard the world's champion, the cowboy received the following cablegram in his camp at Havana:

"Left to head and right to heart and best wishes."

The cablegram was signed Kid Howare and Harry Forbes.

BITTER RIVALRY BETWEEN RACING STARS

ANDERSON
WILCOX

Though members of the same racing team, the Stutz, Howard Wilcox and Gil Anderson have no love for each other. Both natives of Indianapolis, they have been constant rivals since they entered the game. Wilcox recently gained the upper hand by taking second in both the Vanderbilt and Grand Prize at San Francisco, while Anderson remained unplaced. The latter says he will get even in the next Indianapolis 500-mile race.

COULD THESE VETS WIN A TITLE?

Player.	Position	Years in Game	First Engagement.
Mathewson	Pitcher	15	New York, 1900.
Plank	Pitcher	14	Athletics, 1901.
Bender	Pitcher	13	Athletics, 1902.
Moore	Pitcher	14	Cleveland, 1901.
Bresnahan	Catcher	15	Washington, 1901.
Moran	Catcher	14	Braves, 1901.
Dooin	Catcher	13	Phillies, 1902.
Lajoie	First Base	19	Phillies, 1896.
Evers	Second Base	13	Cubs, 1902.
Wagner	Shortstop	18	Louisville, 1897.
Leach	Third Base	16	Louisville, 1899.
Wallace	Utility	20	Cleveland, 1895.
Crawford	Outfield	15	Cincinnati, 1900.
Donlin	Outfield	16	Cardinals, 1899.
Clarke	Outfield	21	Louisville, 1894.
D. Murphy	Outfield	14	New York, 1901.

WHAT'S DOING IN SPORT.

Hunter's South Omaha Wonders is the name of the Omaha club for the season of 1915. Milton L. Hunter is manager.

LOS ANGELES.—Los Angeles fans almost to a man strung with Willard. When the news of the knockout came Jim Jeffries was in his saloon on Spring street. Uttering one of his characteristic grunts, he brought his big bulk up to its full height, and looking at the crowd of newspaper men, said:

"Don't ask me if I wanted to see Willard win. Can't you tell by my smile?"

Then Jeff stalked off and refused to say another word. Barney Oldfield pulled down a neat wad on the victory. Charlie Eyton, the Pacific coast referee, said, "If this had happened a year ago the fight game would still be going in California."

NEW YORK.—Although the defeated Jack Johnson may receive a goodly sum for his fight in Havana, he will reap no profits from the exhibition of the moving pictures of the battle in this country. The federal statute, passed shortly after the negro defeated Jeffries, prohibits the interstate shipment of such films.

W. D. McGuire, Jr., secretary of the national board of censorship, said today that he did not think it possible to ship the films by boat from Havana and exhibit them in this state. He was positive that the board would prevent them from being shown. Commissioner of Licenses George H. Bell was equally certain that the pictures could not be shown here.

A. B. C.'S SHUT OUT THE RESERVES BY 7-0 SCORE.

The A. B. C.'s shut out the Indianapolis Reserves last Sunday at Northwestern park, 7 to 0. The pitching of Charleston for the colored champs was excellent, he allowing but three hits, two of which came in the first inning. In six of the nine innings the batters went out in one, two, three order. The colored boy also fanned nine.

Both teams played a fast fielding game, the A. B. C.s going through the contest without a misplay. The catching of Mitchell and two sensational catches by Lyons featured.

Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0
A. B. C.s	0	4	0	0	1	0	2	0	*	—7

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS TO ORGANIZE BASE BALL CLUB.

For the first time in the history of the order of Knights of Pythias they have a baseball club. The club was organized by General W. H. Lee, of the State of Florida, and the team is managed by W. F. Shrewsberry. The manager and the general are working hard to get a winning team and they would like to hear from any fast team in the United States. They are preparing for a tour around the United States and would be glad to hear from all the large cities. Manager Shrewsberry said that he had a team that would make Connie Mack's team play ball to [illegible] them. Now managers, we are booking games. Write at once, as we will be out on the road [illegible] at an early date. —William Preston Shrewsberry, Manager, 705 Odessa street, Jacksonville, Fla.; Gen. W. H. Lee, 624 West Union street.

NO CHANCE FOR 1916 OLYMPICS.

If the Germans Are Unable to Handle Them in Berlin, Which Doesn't Seem Possible, it Will be Necessary to Postpone Them Until 1920.

Reports from Paris to the effect that the 1916 Olympic games are to be transferred from Berlin to the United States have gained credence in athletic circles in this country, when there are no grounds for any belief that it will be possible to hold the 1916 games successfully in any country on the face of the earth.

To begin with, a successful Olympic meet must have teams from practically all nations, and how is such a thing to come to pass as early as fifteen months hence? It's ridiculous to even discuss the probability of England, France, Germany, Austria, et al. being able to send teams to America in 1916.

All of these countries will have to develop an almost entirely new crop of athletic performers. Of the young men who were known as crack athletes when the war blight came last August, those who are not sleeping in a soldier's grave, or recovering from wounds in hospitals, are for the most part incapacitated for athletic work through life in the trenches, which has put permanent kinks in the muscles and joints of thousands of the flower of Europe's athletic performers.

The organizations that formerly controlled amateur athletics in the warring countries will all have to be completely reorganized before any serious work in the rehabilitation of athletics starts up. In Germany, for instance, more than half of the officers of the imperial German Olympic committee are either dead, wounded, or missing.

It has been proposed that the 1916 games be held in a neutral country, such as Sweden or Switzerland. More foolish talk. Though the Swedes and Swiss have not been at war their job of maintaining an armed-to-the-teeth neutrality has been such an onerous one that they have no time to think of such light things as athletics these days. Neither will they have for months to come.

An Olympic meeting in the United States without a large European entry would be as flat as soup without seasoning.

With no European entries the meet would be nothing more than a battle between American athletes, which would be all right as a national championship affair, but very dull as an Olympic meet. The Olympics at St. Louis in 1904 demonstrated what a soulless thing an Olympic meet without a heavy international entry may be. At this meet there was hardly a foreigner to oppose the Americans, and it degenerated into a battle between the American clubs; the New York Athletic Club taking the honors from the Chicago A. A. by four points.

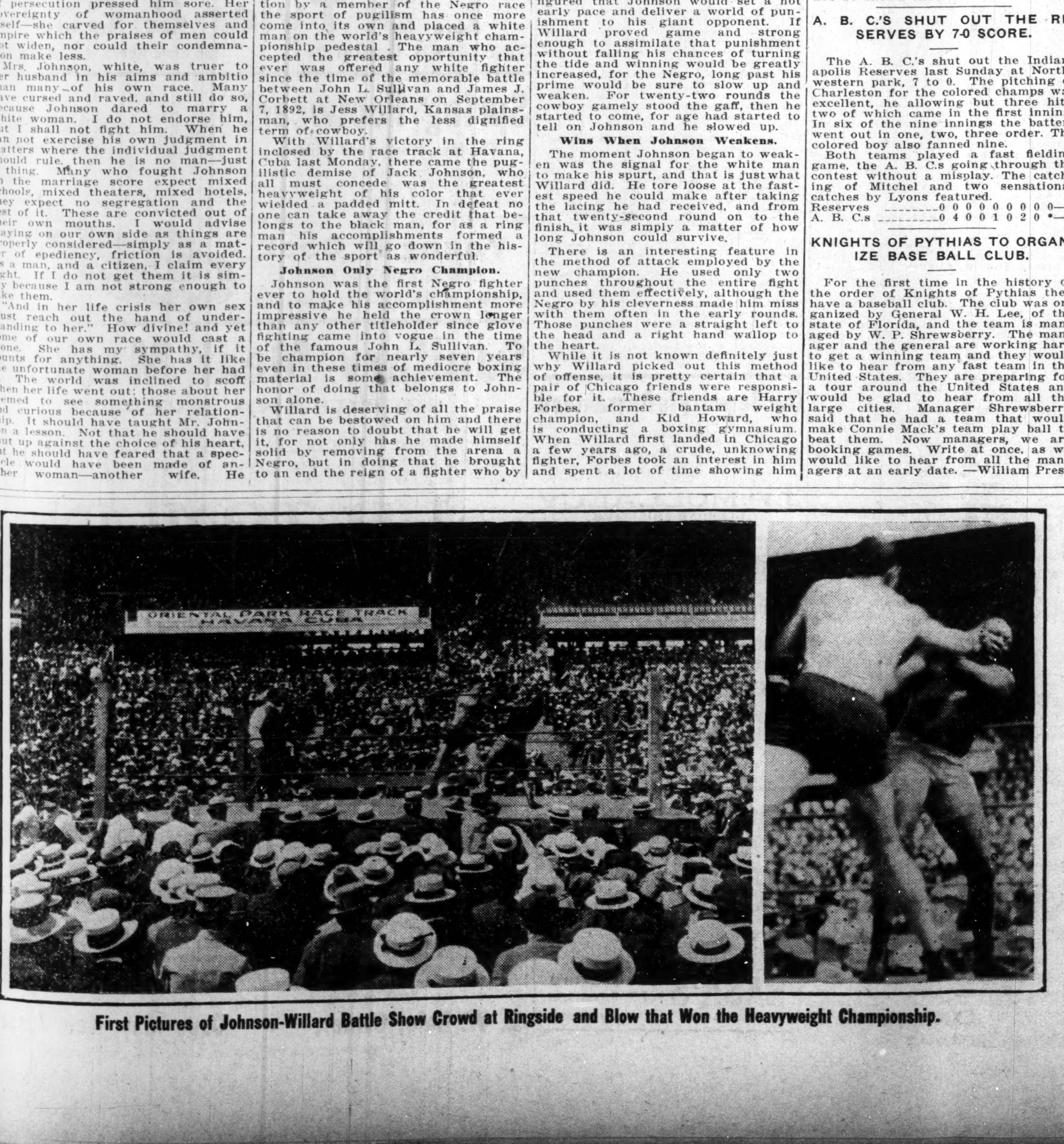
MARION, VA.

(By Wm. A. Tea.)

Billy Terry, the black face comedian, is home this week resting up. He played in Virginia last week and did well. He is now waiting to be made a Mason next Friday night, April 9, 1915. Billy is a favorite here and well liked by white and colored people. He and one of his friends were talking of opening a theater here in November. Billy has signed with R. M. Chambers this season.

MIDLAND, TEXAS.

The 400 club royally entertained at their club hall Wednesday evening. -- Mrs. Bettie Jackson entertained the Art club Friday afternoon. Refreshments were served. -- The reported would like to hear from Bob Gant, with the D. G. Allen's. For the Freeman, Dallas Express and the Mineral Wells news see Mrs. S. King.



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CITY AND VICINITY.

Mrs. Ada Wakefield, of 807 Blake street, is improving from a serious illness.

The Misses Flora and Ester Harper are spending their spring vacation at Frankfort.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baughman have moved to their new home in California street.

Mr. Nelson Fletcher, the popular mixologist, is now located at 532 Indiana avenue.

The funeral of Mrs. Emma Crump was held at Bethel A. M. E. Church Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Lilly Brown, 231 West Twelfth street, entertained the Old Settlers' Social Club last week.

The Idle Hour Needle Club was the guest of Mrs. Nellie Pettiford in Belmont avenue this week.

Floyd Fisher has gone to Pittsburgh where he will be employed in the railway terminal station.

Mrs. Tina Cooper and mother, Mrs. Sallie Porter, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Porter in California street.

Mrs. Retta Moss has returned to the city after an extended tour of southern cities in the interest of her business.

Mrs. Stella Davis, who has been the guest of Mrs. Emmet Kiger in North West street, has returned to her home.

Mrs. Eva Debobs, national secretary of the Y. W. C. A., spent several hours with Mme. C. J. Walker here last week.

The Sisters of Charity No. 1 will hold their annual anniversary exercises Tuesday, April 2, at Bethel A. M. E. Church.

Olive Officer, D. D. S., of Chicago, Ill., and little daughter, Mercedes, are the guests of Dr. Officer's mother, Mrs. S. J. McClure.

A parlor musical was given at the home of L. H. Coleman, Thursday, for the benefit of Union Tabernacle Church and was a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Butcher, of Marion, Ind., are in this city for an indefinite stay. Mr. Butcher is running a poultry farm in that city.

The Union Missionary meeting which was to have been held last Sunday afternoon at Bethel A. M. E. Church has been postponed indefinitely.

Rev. J. T. Leggett, of Kentucky, passed through the city enroute to the M. E. annual conference at Chicago and stopped off to visit friends in this city.

Mrs. Tillie Smith has been appointed chairman of the arts and crafts department of the federated clubs, to succeed Mrs. Elizabeth Dixon, who resigned.

The M. E. Conference met this week at Chicago, (Ill.) Fulton Street Methodist Episcopal Church. The Revs. Martin and P. T. Gorham were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Crossen announce the engagement of their daughter, Gertrude Hortense, to Harlan K. Hicks. The wedding will take place in June.

Prof. R. Scott, of England, lectured at Second Baptist Church last week. He is a poet of original lines writings. April 21 and 22 he will be at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Artist, of Marion, Ind., motored to this city Wednesday. Mrs. Artist will spend ten days in the city the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Ward.

Rev. Miss Nellie G. Hale, evangelist and gospel worker, has recovered from a long spell of sickness and is now holding regular Monday night services in Pilgrim Mission, 806 Lock street.

Bishop C. H. Phillips, of Nashville, Tenn., will be in the city Sunday and will preach at Phillip's Chapel, C. M. E. church on Drake street, at 11 o'clock. He will deliver a lecture Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Myrtle Moore, the girl evangelist, will preach at St. Mark's Temple Sunday, the 18th, at 3 o'clock p. m. She delivered two interesting serons at this same church, which is on Shelby street, last Sunday afternoon and night.

Dr. H. W. Armistead has returned to the city after having visited Nashville, Tenn., where he went a week ago to bury his mother, Mrs. A. Armistead. Mrs. Armistead was 85 years of age and greatly respected by the white and colored people. She was a member of one of the oldest colored families of the city.

OLD SETTLERS' SOCIAL CLUB ENTERTAINED.

The Old Settlers' Social club was entertained April 13 by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown at their residence on West 12th street. About 60 members were present and a most enjoyable time was had. Mrs. Brown had prepared a program of talks of reminiscences by Mr. Wm. Christy, George S. Knox, Wm. Bell, Dr. Furnas, Lillian Thomas-Fox and a delightful recitation of one of Dunbar's poems by Mrs. Edw. Gaillard. A number of visitors were present, among them being Mrs. Dr. Officer, of Chicago, and Mrs. Taylor. A dainty luncheon was served. The next meeting will be with Mr. and Mrs. Clay Willis, on California street, Tuesday evening, May 11. Mrs. Samuel McClure, president; Mrs. Bern. Fisher, corresponding secretary.

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Mrs. Lelia Walker-Robinson, of New York City, arrived in this city Tuesday. She is the guest of her mother, Mme. C. J. Walker, 640 North West street, the noted manufacturer of the Mme. Walker's Hair Grower.

MRS. WARD AND MOTHER LEAVE THE CITY.

Mrs. Pauline Williamson, mother of Mrs. Lillian Wilson, wife of Mr. Ward Wilson, the well-known drug clerk, 21 Indiana avenue, and their little son, Felix, left for Chicago, Ill., Monday, for a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and mother live at 1112 North Missouri street, this city.

SPIRITUALIST CHURCHES.

It takes only one visit by the most skeptic of persons to Madam Meadow's Spiritualist Church for them to be convinced of Spirit's return. Madam Meadows is a wonderful woman and she was gifted with a most wonderful gift. She gave 50 messages from the passed out last Monday night. The Madam is not a fortune teller, for anyone can plainly see that she was born with the gift of seeing. She makes everybody welcome to her meetings and her meetings are attended by the very best and highest class of both white and colored people.

CARL DRENNEN KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE.

Carl Drennen, colored, three and one-half years old, 1122 North West street, was run down at Twelfth and North West streets by an automobile driven by Guy F. Chilcote, 34 Eldridge avenue last Wednesday. Chilcote was arrested charged with manslaughter and was released on his own recognizance when the police and Coroner Poole found that he apparently was blameless.

PROMENADE TO BE GIVEN.

The following women have been announced as partonesses for promenade to be given Friday, April 23, at the Pythian Castle Hall by school No. 17 alumni: Mrs. A. C. Simms, Mrs. Bern Fisher, Mrs. Julius Hickman, Mrs. Sallie Robinson, Mrs. Peter S. Dent, Mrs. W. S. Jones, Mrs. Eliza Wells Bell, Mrs. Isaac Carter, Mrs. H. L. Saunders, Mrs. E. J. Smoot and Mrs. G. L. Hayes.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE CLUB ELECTS DELEGATES.

The Florence Nightingale Club met at the home of Miss Stella Rowe, 1326 North West street, last week.

At a recent meeting of the Florence Nightingale Club, Mrs. M. Tressa Heinz, Mrs. Edna Artis and Miss Stella Rowe were elected delegates to represent the club at the state federation meeting to be held in Marion in May.

SIMPSON CHAPEL HAS TESTIMONIAL OFFERING.

Simpson Chapel M. E. Church had a banner day last Sunday. The offering, conducted by Mrs. J. T. V. Hill, proved successful financially to the amount of $59.55. The service was held complimentary to the pastor, Rev. P. T. Gorham and family. An excellent program was given and Hon. G. L. Knox made a splendid address. Mr. Noble Sissle and Joseph C. Hayes appeared on the program. More than 500 pews were occupied by the members of the various auxiliaries of the church.

MRS. EDWARD E. COOPER IN THE CITY.

Wife of the Founder of The Freeman.

Mrs. Edward E. Cooper and mother have returned to the city for permanent residence. Mrs. Cooper is remembered as the widow of the late Edward E. Cooper, founder of The Freeman of this city and later the Colored American at Washington, D. C., some twenty or more years ago, where she made her home until now.

THE EAST END WHISTERS PUT ONE ON THE WEST END BUNCH.

The West End whist players hiked over to Bob Williams' home on Yandes street last Monday night to engage the East enders again. They hiked right back, baffled and beaten. However, this is the first time the East enders have been successful since the series of engagements begun.

The West end players were Joseph Baughman, John Oliver, Archie Greathouse and Elwood C. Knox. The East end players were Bob Williams, Abe Stewart, Haze Wilson and Ed Scott.

Others present were George Simmons, Dr. Toole, Benjamin Broyles "Doc" Rives and Chas. Baughman.

The score: East end, 140; West end, 102.

PROF. SCOTT OF ENGLAND WILL SPEAK AT THE Y. M. C. A. SUNDAY.

A Popular Musical to be Given at Monster Meeting Here.

Prof. Raleigh A. Scott, of Chesterfield, England, formerly president of the Musical College at the same place, will appear in a popular musical program at the Monster meeting, Sunday, April 18th, at 3:00 p. m.

This prince of entertainers, who plays and recites his own original compositions, comes not unheralded with a reputation from the many musical centers where he has performed, as a finished artist of the highest type. Mr. Scott has the distinction of being the only colored man to have the honor of being president of a white musical college. This fact alone should go far in establishing the merit and caliber of the man. Mr. J. M. Benson, Boy's Work secretary, will be chairman of the meeting. The public is cordially invited.

About 250 men and women heard Master Alfred James Holder, the boy preacher, in a very inspiring talk on "The Prodigal Son" last Sunday. Master William Linden, of the Boys' Department, presided. The boys' band gave a thirty minute concert preceding the meeting.

The famous play, "The Half Breed," will be presented May 3d by the Junior Department.

The unemployed men and boys of the city will do well to call at this office for work. We have had calls for all kinds of work.

Caleb Mills Hall has been secured for the Negro Folk Song Festival of 100 voices Friday night, April 30th. From the advance sale of tickets the attendance promises to be large. The Central Association has taken a section of 200 tickets.

The third State Oratorical Contest will be given Friday, May 28. All societies desiring to take part must send in the names of their contestants before the end of the month.

Thirty-four members of the Junior Bible Class sat down to a bean supper on last Thursday evening.

Drs. Perkins and Ward, who are managers of the oncoming membership campaign running for ten days from April 24th to May 3d, held their first organization meeting on the 14th and 16th, respectively. A large number of enthusiastic workers attended both meetings. The Association colors are gold and black and will be worn by the men. The feature of the campaign will be the low rates for joining that is being offered.

HAVE YOU A DREAM OR WHAT ARE DREAMS?

Much is said about dreams in the Bible, and the holy man of old believed in them.

Hear now my words. If there be a prophet among you, I, the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and I will speak unto him in a dream (Numbers XII, 6.) Apart from scriptural dreams, the earliest authentic records of history inform us that dreams were regarded as supernatural and prophetic. The Greeks and Romans of old, paid great attention to dreams. In a conversation with Professor Zancig, the Danish mentalist, our representative found him a very interesting and convincing talker, and the way he explains will satisfy the most sceptical that there must be some thing in dreams, after looking over letters from all crown heads of Europe, Professor Zancig related a few dreams which have been interpreted by him and proven strangely true.

Mr. Zancig said as follows: There are three kinds of dreams. Sonium, or dreams proper. This, according to Professor Zancig, was a figurative and mysterious representation of some event to come and required interpretation. Visio, or a vision. This kind of a dream is in a waking state or ecstacy one saw an event foreshadowed which was afterward fulfilled exactly as foreseen. Insomnio are dreams arising from restlessness produced by impression of mind, body or fortune. These dreams can not be depended upon. It was in the Visio or transcondition state that Professor Zancig foretold the great Titanic disaster in 1912 only a few weeks before that noted writer and founder of Review of Reviews, in which Mr. W. T. Stead lost his life. It has been proven that had Mr. Stead listened to Mr. Zancig's warning he might have been alive today.

Again while reading the hand of Kaiser Wilhelm the professor predicted that on the 8th of September, 1908, at Potsdam Palace, Germany, his highness was told to be very careful in the years of 1914 and 1915, when his life would be in great danger. The number of letters and testimonials prove only that there is more things in heaven and earth than dreamed of in our philosophy.

MRS. LILLIAN BROWN MAKES GOOD AT FRANKFORT, KY.

Has an Appreciative Audience in Frankfort.

Special to The Freeman:

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 14.—Mrs. Lillian Jones Brown appeared in recital before a large and appreciative audience in Frankfort.

The First Baptist Church was crowded on the night of April 7th to hear this talented woman in the interpretive recital of the play, "The World and His Wife."

The dramatic force employed by Mrs. Brown in her interpretation of this play is really wonderful. Her ability to make each character stand out alone, giving to each character a distinct and different personality and places her in line with the world's famous artists and students of dramatic art.

She held her audience in a vice-like grip from the time the curtain rose on the first act until it fell on the last. The play is intended to teach the danger and evil of gossip and the great moral lesson, as photographed by Mrs. Brown's interpretation of the play, was unique and powerful.

Mrs. Brown was assisted on the program by Miss Helena Low, the accomplished young teacher of music at the State Normal Institute. Miss Low has a voice of wonderful range and purity. One of the many things which were worthy of note about the rendition of Miss Low's solo was the fact that it was given from memory and that she accompanied herself. So many of our young girls are unable to do that. Miss Low is indeed quite an artist.

Mrs. Brown's brother, Mr. Thaddeus Jones, tenor singer and reader, late of the Chicago Lyceum Bureau, also appeared on the program and treated us to a fine tenor solo.

FACTS ABOUT HAIR GROWING BY MME. T. G. BRAMLETTE.

The reason for my writing this piece is to get the colored people to thinking. As a rule our people do very little thinking, but are content with some one else doing it for them and simply follow the leader whether he is right or wrong.

I have used many different kinds of preparations before I began my own and just the same as many of you have found them "No good."

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How many other manufacturers dare to eat their own goods. If anything is injurious to the stomach, then it is also to the root of the hair. You can not grow flowers by sprinkling with poisonous water, but by keeping the earth around them wet with the water, they will thrive for a short while, but after consuming a certain amount of the poisonous ingredients it soon dies out. It's the same way with hair, and that's why so many people complain of their hair growing a while and then stopping. If the goods you use is not good for the stomach then it is not good for the hair.

There is only one way to grow anything and that is to start at the root. You can not expect to grow a small tree by wetting the branches, a flower by sprinkling the blossoms or anything else, but you get busy and see to it that the roots get plenty of good, clear water, and if the soil is not rich enough you fertilize it so as it will contain that which it needs to give life and strength to those roots.

Just as everything that grows from the earth gets its nourishment there, it is the same with the hair. The roots of the hair get their strength from the scalp. Now, if this scalp does not contain that which is necessary to cause the hair to grow, then you should use something that will act as a fertilizer. The lack of the nourishing ingredients is the cause of colored people's hair being short and hard.

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PORTSMOUTH, OHIO.

Birthday Party for Mr. Henry Baker.

A surprise birthday party was given in honor of Mr. Henry Baker, at his home in Thirteenth street. A delightful evening was spent in the latest games. The home was beautifully decorated with pot plants. Mr. Baker is one of the leading barbers in this city and his many friends wish him many more happy birthdays. The guests of the evening were his daughters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Bessie Cranshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Ada Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Carrie Melvin and Miss Eunice Melvin. Dainty luncheon was served by his wife, Mrs. Ida Baker. Many gold presents were received.

Mr. James Nichols is having his troubles during the past three weeks, his wife and three children having been seriously ill but are better at present.

Mr. C. Durphy has some of the finest rabbits in the city. His black one received the blue ribbon last week.

The entertainment at the Pleasant Green Baptist church, given by Club No. 3, of which Mrs. L. Cranshaw is president, was one of the best of the year.

Mr. John Woods, of Ninth street, has composed another national march which he will have the R. L. band try out.

Mrs. E. Carter, of Cleveland, is here spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnson, of Eleventh street.

Mr. H. C. Johnson, who has been confined to his bed for the past four weeks, is some better.

Emmet Williams, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, of Twelfth street, passed away last week. They have been here for the last two years and the boy had made many friends, who are very sorry and sad at heart to lose the good little boy who was so kind and true to his plaoymates.

Rev. McCoomer and wife left Monday morning for Chicago, where they will attend the M. E. conference.

The A. M. E. Sewing Circle met at the home of Mrs. H. Turner, in Washington street. All the members were present and a very delightful evening was spent. A three-course luncheon was served by the hostess.

Last Sunday evening closed the 6 o'clock services of the A. M. E. Christian Endeavor for a few weeks, but the lookout committee, with the help of the president, Mrs. Anderson, will continue to visit the sick room and help others that would like to live the better life by living with God. A very fine program was rendered by the young men and women of the Endeavor. The meeting was led by Rev. Charles Johnson. Subject, "Get Ready for the Next Life." Rev. F. Mason delivered an address on "What We Should Do to Be Successful Christian Men and Women." Duet by Miss P. Bryant and M. Clark. Prof. L. C. D. Anderson gave a very interesting address on "The Life of a Candle." Song by quartet. Other remarks by Rev. Irvin. Duet, Miss J. Cumte and P. Anderson. Last, but not the least, a heart to heart talk by the president, Mrs. Anderson, one that we owe more than we here on earth will ever be able to pay, for the success of the Endeavor meetings, but we know deep down in our hearts from the life she is living here among us that there will be stars in her crown and there is a home in heaven for her when her work is finished here on earth.

The stork left a big boy baby at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Haley, of Thirteenth stret, and it is some boy.

If you are interested in your race success, show it by calling for The Freeman. See G. Stark, 1110 Thirteenth street.

BRUNSWICK, GA.

On last Sunday, April 11, the Knights of Pythias anniversary was held at the First Baptist Church, Rev. John Williams, pastor. Quite a large crowd attended. The line-up from the Castle Hall was headed by the calvary company mounted on horseback, followed with the Uniform Rank and the members of the five different lodges of Knights of Pythias.

Mrs. Ruby Denegold, of 1613 Amherst street, is now able to be up after an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Roy Hill is still running his pressing club and tailor shop at the same old place, 1209 Gloucester street. He is now having his place remodeled and will install one of the prettiest dust-proof cases. Everything is now up-to-date. Try him once on your clothes. He makes them look like new.

Some one wanted to know what became of the Lilly Whites. Have they disbanded or disappeared?

Mr. Tom Totnall and wife send regards to all of their friends. Tom says he is now having a long rest in dear old Brunswick.

Look out for the band. We have it coming, you K. of P's.

The members of Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 10 had the opportunity of burying their deceased sister, Mrs. Clara Fahm, who died on Thursday evening at 5 o'clock, 2019 Wolf street. So few brothers attended that they decided to use ladies as pallbearers. Those who acted were Mrs. Dicie Stevens, Mrs. Fanny Shellman, Rosa Thomas, Rachel Simmons, Rosa Knight and Martha Bennett. W. M. Phoenix, W. C.

JACKSON, TENN.

The many friends of the Rev. T. J. Goodall and wife regret to learn that they will leave in a few days for Savannah, Ga. Rev. Goodall is pastor of Berean Baptist church. He goes to Savannah to take charge of the leading Baptist church there. Before going to Savannah they will visit friends and relatives in Memphis and Clarksville. -- Prof. F. M. Elyart, the great magician, has been giving a series of entertainments in the city, which have been greatly enjoyed. -- Mr. Eugene Anderson left Saturday for Memphis, where he will make his future home. -- Mrs. J. H. Trimble, to the delight of her many friends, is able to be at her post of duty at South Jackson school. -- The Junior Epworth League of Liberty C. M. E. Church will render a program Sunday night. -- A large audience listened to a very eloquent address Sunday night at Berean Baptist church, which was delivered by Dr. A. M. Townsend, president of Roger William College, Nashville, Tenn. Those who did not hear Doctor Townsend missed a rare treat. -- Mr. Walter J. Reid sends best regards to Mr. P. J. Lowery. -- See A. R. Merry, Jr., for The Freeman.

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McDONALD, PA.

A well attended birthday party was given Mr. W. M. Powell at his home on Fanny street on Friday evening, April 9. Games and music were the diversions of the evening. Covers were laid for forty-eight. The question still in the minds of the people in "What is the age?" as opinions differ. -- Mrs. Anna Poindexter, of Belle Vernon, is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. L. Shelton of this place. -- Mrs. Lee Lynch and Mrs. E. L. Shelton were Pittsburg callers last week. -- Dorothy Lewis is on the sick list. -- Rev. G. E. Sallie, Mr. C. A. Berry and Mr. W. M. Powell attended the ordination service in Burgettstown on last Sunday -- Alfretta Lawe is on the sick list. -- Mrs. Anna Franklin and Mrs. Edith Hoy, of Pittsburg, were guests of Mr. Wallace Studevant of East Lincoln avenue. -- Mrs. Joel Cobbs, of the south side, was taken ill suddenly Sunday morning with hemorrhage of the lungs and is not expected to live. We sympathize with her husband and friends in the hours of loneliness, grief and pain and our prayer is that our Heavenly Father may come speedily to their relief.

Get in The Freeman contest. Read instructions elsewhere in this issue.

MAYFIELD, KY., NOTES.

(John Walter Wilkerson, Jr.)

The new Freeman readers are Mrs. Fannie Tucker, Mr. Bud Laffoon, Mr. Joe Miles and Mrs. Cora Sherrells. -- Rev. Houston, pastor of the Presbyterian church, has returned home from the bedside of his wife, who is ill at Uniontown, Ky. -- Mr. A. Hale made a business trip to Paducah. -- Rev. Wood (white) will preach at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon for the benefit of Mr. Andrews' club. -- The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church met at the church Monday afternoon. -- Mr. Henry Jordan, of Paducah, Ky., attended the funeral of Mr. Dan Scott. -- Mrs. Minnie Biggers is slightly indisposed. -- Hello, Dr. Logan, of "Old Paduke!" A certain young lady on East Water street will see you on April 26 at the Unique theater. -- Mr. William Stringfellow, of Paducah, visited Miss Minnie Mae Foex Sunday. -- Mrs. Beulah Roberts Stephens, of Fulton, Ky., is a new reader of The Freeman.

EARLINGTON, KY.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Cloudy, Mrs. Crow and Mr. Squire Potts, of Providence, and Miss Bogus of Madisonville, Ky., motored over to Earlington last Monday afternoon, March 29, and were the guests of Mrs. H. B. Thomas. -- Little Miss Iola Proudy, of Guthrie, Ky., is the guest of Mrs. H. B. Thomas. -- Pernicia and Douglas Terry, Jr., spent Easter in Hopkinsville, Ky., the guest of their aunt, Mrs. Lucille Mitchell. -- Mrs. Lillie Berry, who has been in Hopkinsville, Ky., the last few months taking treatment, returned to her home last Saturday. -- Get the habit of reading The Freeman and keeping up with the news of the race. -- W. M. Gisk, agent.

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man and its editors. Mr. Booker said that while he was in Indianapolis a few years ago, the Freeman was one of the most ardent supporters of the Y. M. C. A. cause.

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Miss Wade Should Have Medal.

The suggestion in the Freeman of last week of Mr. A. C. Coleman, of Camden, Arkansas, that Miss Ophelia Wade, the brave and courageous young woman who defended her womanly honor at the Branch Normal School, should have a medal of virtue, is a timely suggestion, and your correspondent is willing and ready to support through the press such a propaganda. The womanly courage of Miss Wade should be heralded throughout the nation and there should be expressions of high congratulation from the young women in all of the seminaries and club women to this young woman who put character above position.

The students who walked out with Miss Wade until the matter was adjusted were equally deserving in credit, and they should not return until this official who insulted Miss Wade is removed from his position. The strong and womanly position that has been taken by Miss Wade sets at rest the honor of the young women of the race, and this beautiful girl will receive the plaudits of her race throughout this nation. Your correspondent knows of other beautiful young women who will back up Miss Wade in her position, and the gallant young men of the race will go to war for these girls who do not sell their honor and character. The New York correspondent of the Freeman sends greetings to Miss Wade and the student body of Branch Normal for this expression of high moral character. Let editors throughout the nation praise this young woman and place her in the list of brave heroines.

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General Notes.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Brooks, for nineteen years pastor of St. Mark's M. E. church, and one of the strongest forces in Methodism, is confined at the St. Luke's hospital following an operation for appendicitis. Information reaches your correspondent that it was a success, and that the eminent divine will be about his duties soon.

Miss Nannie Burroughs, the noted woman orator, is scheduled to speak in this city soon. Your correspondent will call attention to her coming in another issue.

Rev. Dr. A. C. Powell, pastor of the Abbysinia Baptist church, has closed a most successful revival. The revival was one of the most significant religious movements seen in this city for some time, and has left a deep religious impression on the city. Dr. Powell said the campaign was well organized, and that fifty-one days was spent in making preparation for it.

Dr. Booker T. Washington, the eminent Tuskeegean, was around Chicago last week on official business for the school. This week the educator will tour the state of Louisiana on an educational pilgrimage.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Reid writes your correspondent from Liberia that things are going well in the republic. Rev. Reid is one of the most prominent men of the race in the M. E. church, and has charge of the Donavan Institute in Liberia. CLEVELAND G. ALLEN.

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